Young offenders better on farm

Margaret Griffioen

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. - A second ranch providing residential farm work for 16-to 17-year-old men who have been in trouble with the law will be established in this province, most likely in the Lethbridge area, by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) with major provincial government funding.

The new Youth Orientation Unit (YOU) program will be modelled after the 200-acre YOU ranch now operating in Northern Alberta near Warburg, southwest of Edmonton. Under the guidance of Christian staff, young offenders do all the hard physical work required to keep the ranch going as well as learn skills they need to become fully employed upon their release.

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The Alberta government is encouraging the creation of the second farm and has provided \$250,000 toward its establishment. According to Bill Thiessen, MCC Alberta Executive Director, "the program is seen as one of the most successful approaches available for young offenders."

Thiessen doesn't foresee major problems with the government-MCC arrangement, noting that precedents have already been set at the Warburg ranch. YOU is expected to abide by certain regulations, but maintains control of personnel selection. MCC workers provide the "Christian dimension" to life on the ranch.

A recent federal government task force backs up the Alberta government support of programs such as YOU. The Nielsen Task Force study of the justice system reported that sending a person to prison costs 10 to 15 times as much as community based alternatives and that these programs were more effective.

The Nielsen study says Canada has one of the highest rates of imprison-

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Thinkbit

Those who know how will always have a job; those who know why will

From: Note from mother to son at college

No. 2022 always be their boss.

DALLAS, Tex. (EP) - Southland Corporation's 4500 7-Eleven convenience stores will no longer sell Playboy, Penthouse and Forum magazines, the company announced.

The decision marks a change in a practice that Southland had continued despite boycotts, picketing and protests by Christian anti-pornography activists. Southland spokesperson Alisa Martin said the protests were in no way responsible for Southland's decision.

The Rev. Don Wildmon, whose National Federation for Decency had targeted 7-Eleven stores for boycott two years ago, disagreed. "I think [the protests] were beginning to hurt their economic base."

7-Eleven stores won't sell sex-oriented magazines

A statement by Southland said that recent testimony before the U.S. Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, which linked "adult" magazines with crime, violence and child abuse, had been the major factor in decision to drop pornography sales.

The Southland statement also cited surveys by the company which indicated declining public support for the sale of pornographic magazines.

The policy change directly affects the 4,500 company-operated 7-Eleven stores. The company is also

recommending that the 3,600 stores operated by independent franchise owners adopt the same policy, but Southland will not enforce the policy in independently-owned stores.

Southland would release no figures on the economic cost of this decision, but it is undoubtedly an expensive policy decision. An article in the Dallas Times-Herald indicated that 7-Eleven sold 20 per cent of all Playboy magazines sold in America, and a Penthouse vice-president told a Georgia court that 7-Eleven sold more copies of Penthouse than anybody else in America.

Sorry Dad, I've got you beat

Keith Knight

LINDSAY, Ontario - When father and son normally sit down to a game of checkers it is usually in the family room over a cup of coffee. But competition took on a new word when Jerry Van

Halteren and his son Don entered the Ontario International Checkers Tournament in mid-April.

Father and son are both members of the Lindsay Christian Reformed Church and Jerry is president of both

Jerry Van Halteren, left, and son Don shake hands before starting their four-hour checkers match for the Ontario title. Dad said it was a good battle, even though he lost to his son.

the Ontario and Canadian checkers organizations.

The winning match of the tournament pitted father against son. After four hours, son Don emerged the winner. Both of them, however, will travel to British Columbia for the Canadian championships in July.

The winner of the B.C. tournament will then compete in the Pan-American Zone Championships and then it's off to try for the world title.

Jerry is good. He competed in the Pan-American championship last year in Brazil and before that in Philadelphia.

Both Van Halterens are in the music business in Lindsay. Jerry operates Van Halteren's of Lindsay, a factory which manufactures guitar cases, and son Don works in Van Halteren's Music Store in the heart of town.

In addition to being Ontario International Checkers Tournament champion, Don's more modest accomplishments include recently becoming a first-time father and playing organ in church.



Her Royal Higness Princess Margriet, Mayor Harcourt, Joanne Bernie Danzker, Director, Vancouver Art Gallery. Photo: KLM-

Holland a hit in Vancouver

Reinder J. Klein

VANCOUVER, B.C. — You wonder sometimes how they do it, but the Dutch managed to upstage Expo 86 and Vancouver's one hundredth birthday celebration earlier this month when they opened an exhibit of famous paintings and a scaled-down replica of an old castle in the middle of this city's business district.

Media attention

Princess Margriet of The Netherlands officially opened The Dutch World of Painting, an exhibit of 97 Dutch masterpieces, in the process capturing headlines and wide public attention last April 3rd, just three days before the city of Vancouver began its centennial celebration.

Only a day later a two-storey replica of castle Coevorden was opened in front of the Four Season Hotel in the very heart of Vancouver, together with a large scale model of a windmill and an authentic, hand-carved merry-go-

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Christians should not support Zionism, says Jewish writer

OTTAWA (MCC) - Alfred Lilienthal, a prominent American Jewish writer, said in a recent address here that Christians should not support Zionism.

He referred to Israeli treatment of Palestinians and said that this was not in harmony with the principles of justice and righteousness which Hebrew prophets had articulated millennia ago. He said that Israel, with U.S. support, has been intransigent, while Arafat and the PLO had been flexible.

He was pessimistic about the future, fearing that a major reaction may be coming and that the terror of tomorrow may be much greater than the terror of today.

He said that Jewish people in North America are too uncritical in their support for Israel and that they, and the Christians here, should take a deeper look at the Middle East situation.

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Editorial

Movie going can be a calling

Klein

Calvinist Contact continues to receive letters from readers who are critical of movie reviews we carry from week to week. Under the heading "Cinema Summaries" Marian Van Til shares with us bits of content, style and technique of the movie she attended the week before. At the bottom of the review she indicates whether she recommends the movie.

It's probably the line of recommendation that puzzles or upsets most of those who have difficulty with our movie reviews. How can Marian in good conscience recommend a movie that includes offensive language, portrays immoral conduct and presents a secular message? Marian has eloquently explained in the March 21 issue of C.C. why she could recommend a particular movie. Lest our readers think that her opinions are merely personal, we want to devote an editorial to the policy of movie reviews in C.C.

A two-sided calling

Whenever we read a letter from those who protest, we notice that the letters very nicely take care of the command of the Lord to be holy. All the Scripture references call out for separation between the followers of Christ and the world. But where is the concern for the Christian's cultural task? Where are the Scripture references that indicate that we have a job to do, that we must be in the world, though not of it?

Although we appreciate the loving tone and genuine concern expressed in most letters, we believe that their message is one-sided and, in the long run, not helpful. If we were to heed their call, we would have to pack our bags as cultural formers and reformers and start thinking seriously about the value of convents. A statement like "into the realm of liberalism" prompts us to say, "No, not into the realm of liberalism, but into the realm of cultural responsibility."

Movies are dangerous

Not that the call to be holy does not apply to movie going. In fact, movie going has a number of serious problems that we do well to face honestly. Our society has been negatively influenced by many movies, especially in the area of personal relations and morality. Most movies portray and preach that extra-marital sex is all right, as long as it is done with feeling. Those feelings can be temporary, but they must be strong. Movies have been trend setters in lifestyle deformation.

Under no circumstances should Christians be indiscriminate movie goers, and most should not be frequent movie goers either. The overall diet is simply not wholesome enough.

Why see movies?

In spite of the problems connected with movie going, Calvinist Contact would recommend discriminate and occasional movie watching to its subscribers. Why? We can think of three reasons;

- 1) For the sake of our diverse callings in this society (some of us are artists, engineers, nurses, carpenters, librarians) we need to understand our society.
- 2) For the sake of our own development we need to explore the art of film making, which is a legitimate cultural expression.
- 3) For the sake of our own recreation (re-creation, if you will) we need to go out as couples, individuals, groups and enjoy the world of make-belief.

Necessary tension

Now it would be wonderful if the film industry were Christian and presented Christian works of art. Then we could relax and fulfil our cultural task without constantly having to be on guard. But it's not so, and the command of Christ to be watchful applies also to this realm of our responsibility.

There is an unavoidable tension between the call to be holy and the call to be busy. And that tension is there in every area of life. Those who would remove the tension by eliminating either the call for holiness or the call to be busy do harm to the effectiveness of the Gospel as a leaven in this world.

The positive role of a movie review

As far as movie going is concerned, what we have to do is become selective in what we expose ourselves to. And this is where "Cinema Summaries" hopes to be of service to our readers. The review always focuses on whether or not there is enough positive stuff going on in the movie that it deserves to be recommended. When Marian decides to recommend a movie, it can be for a variety of reasons — merit in plot, character, theme, setting or technique.

"Recommended" does not mean that Marian approves of everything that goes on in the movie. Her column would become too cumbersome were we to run every week a disclaimer, for example, about the ultimate message. The reader may assume that, unless specifically stated, the movie under review is secular and does not seek first the Kingdom of Heaven. Incidentally, the reader may do the same with news stories that report what our governments are up to!

Caution and courage

For the rest, we should not allow ourselves to be guided by the domino theory of "once you go to tame movies, you end up going to worse movies," as proposed by our letter writer this week. We are not children, tossed about on every wave coming from Hollywood. As long as our movie going is part of our life of obedience, and done in the power of the Lord, we will not be at the mercy of Satan.

Letters

Worried about movie viewing

Louis Andela's longer letter "Into the realm of liberalism?" (C.C., March 21) voices my concerns also. I too am disappointed in the majority of the movie reviews in our Christian papers recently. What I fail to see and hear is how viewing these movies can make us better Christians, make us better able to serve our Lord and, in this light, how they compare to how the Bible wants us to live.

Please read Colossians 3 (entitled "Rules for Holy Living" in NIV). See especially verses 1,3,5,6,8: "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ ... your life is now hidden with Christ in God ... Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, fust, evil desires [and greed, which is idolatry]. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming ... Rid yourselves of [anger, rage, malice, slander and] filthy language from your lips." Do we not, in essence, approve of these forbidden sins when we view them in "so-called" harmless movies?

Then read Ephesians 4:17-32 (entitled

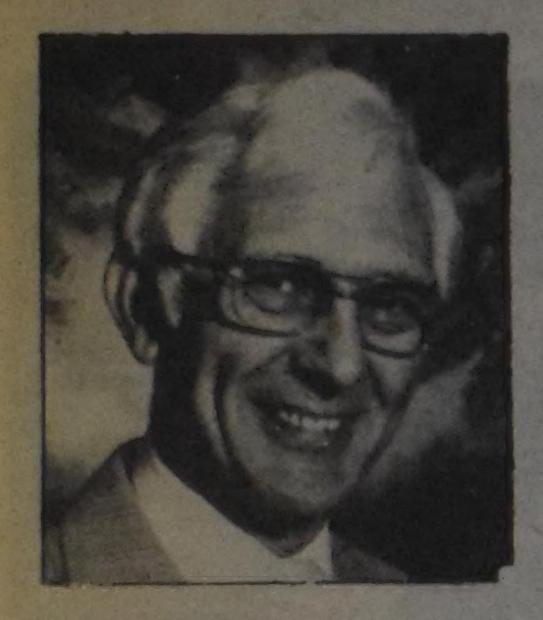
"Living as Children of Light" in NIV).
See especially verses 17,18,19: "... You must no longer live as Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God [because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts]. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more."

How long before we lose all sensitivity if we constantly watch God's laws being broken and His Name being taken in vain as just ordinary and accepted things to do?

Now read Ephesians 6:10-18, especially vs. 11: "Put on the full 'armor' of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." What are his schemes? To destroy the belief of God's people. One way is to make us so insensitive to all that is against God's commands that soon we are not aware that they are that.

Also read Ephesians 5:1,3,4,7,11:
"be imitators of God [therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to

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Yet when we present ourselves to others, we make sure that we "cut our weeds." We like to come on as completely manicured.

The eye of the beholder

During one of the many stages of my life I wanted to be an artist. I had become a faithful visitor of the museums and art galleries of my native city and had learned that although artists can see things gloomier than they really were, many succeeded in painting things the way they wished they looked. An artist can paint a sun over a landscape that was cloud-filled when he began his work.

It has been said that Iowa's famous artist Grant Wood painted landscapes to look attractive and inviting even if they were really not. Once he did his neighbour's farm and showed the finished painting to the farmer. "Yep," said his neighbour, "looks just like it. Nice job, and thanks for cutting the weeds."

It was the Bible teacher Donald Barnhouse who told this story and gave his comments. It touches the very heart of our dealings with our fellow men. Grant Wood cut the weeds. Yet it is deeply ingrained in our nature to do the opposite. When we consider others, and often when we speak of others, we let their "weeds" grow to enormous size. The Scriptures speak of a sliver in the eye of the other. Yet when we present ourselves to others, we make sure that we "cut our weeds." We like to come on as completely manicured. We are right, the other is wrong. We are obedient, the other is not. We have wisdom, the other only has foolishness. But we do not see so well because of the two-by-four that has penetrated our eyes.

Let me assure you that Grant Wood loved life. Of course, the Lord wants us to love life as well, but of us He asks more. He wants us to love Him. Deeply. As our love grows, our eyes become lawnmowers. We will cut the weeds of others.

From time to time we have trouble with our lawnmowers. Out of gas, blades dull, you name it. But how in the world can we belittle a person for whom the Lord gave His precious blood? If our neighbour is precious in the Lord's eyes, so he or she must be in ours. It's that simple.

Thanks, Grant Wood, for showing us.

William Rang is principal of the Christian School in Dunnville, Ontario

Longer Letter

Argues against "trinitarian god"

It was with sadness that I read a letter by Peter Tensen in Calvinist Contact, February 14, 1986, entitled "Jews" unitarian God not ours." He and Kooistra had two fundamental differences, and both are in error, because their source is not the Bible, but pagan religion, adopted by Christian leaders and scholars.

A trinitarian god never existed, but the doctrine of such a god had its beginning around 325 A.D. in the days of Constantine. This doctrine was sealed in blood, and never finally agreed on in the Christian church.

Now let us go to the Bible for an answer: God's Word against church teaching.

1) Jesus Christ cannot be "very God" (i.e. of "one person" with the Father) since statements made about Jesus Christ would be in contradiction with statements made about His Father. Consider the following:

God (His Father) Jesus Christ Cannot be tempta) was tempted ed with evil (Heb. 2:18) (James 1:3) b) died (Rev. 1:18) Cannot die (1 Tim. 6:16) c) was seen by men Cannot be seen by men (1 Tim. 6:16) (1 John 1:1)

2) Jesus ascended to His Father and His God. (John 20:17) Since after His resurrection He ascended to His Father and God, then clearly He is not Himself "very God."

3) He is referred to as a man after His ascension into heaven: 2 Tim. 2:5; Acts 2:22; 7:37 and Phil. 2:8. 4) Christ is approved by God, who is the

greater. (Acts 2:22) 5) Christ Himself states that His Father is greater. (John 14:28) 6) Even after His reign on earth, Christ is still subject to the Father. (1 Cor. 15:28)

Mr. Tensen is quite correct that the God of the Jews (and Jesus said, "Salvation is of the Jews"; John 4:22) is not the god of Christendom. The question is, which one is the God of the Bible?

> John Booy, Delta, B.C.

Editorial response

To say that the God of the Jews is not the same as the God of the Christians is something Christians should not say. The end product of that statement is your kind of theological position.

First of all, Christians believe that the God of the Old Testament is the same as the God of the New Testament. In that sense, the Jews believe in the same God as we do. We too believe in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Another reason why we should not be afraid to say that we worship the same God as the Jews do can be deduced from Paul's address to the Athenians. He points to their unknown God as the one whom he worships and preaches. See how eager Paul is to make connections.

Now, of course, after Paul has said that, he presents the fuller revelation of that unknown God. In the same way, Christians bring the fuller revelation of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

That fuller revelation also includes the understanding that God is Three in One. Your Bible references do not disprove the doctrine of the Trinity.

The New Testament revelation has brought to the fore that God wants to be worshipped as Father, Son and Holy Ghost. This is a peculiar salvation kind of revelation because it explains how God saves us. Almighty God is Father because He wants us as His children; He is Son because He wants to pay for us; He is Spirit because He wants to direct us. (A caution to our theologians: This is not a scientific kind of statement by which I am attempting to establish a chronological, causal relationship.)

Your Bible references all point to the fact that God became man, took on our human nature. In that capacity Jesus submits Himself to the Father, because He replaces the first Adam and is our representative before the Father. Yet, with John 1 we confess that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

This is a mystery, but we happily believe it and share it with all those who worship the same God we do.

Editor

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be published to meet editorial requirements. Unsigned letters will not be published but names may be withheld upon request.

God]. But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity [or of greed] because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking [which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving]. ... Therefore do not be partners with them [idolators] ... Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness [but rather expose them]."

We, as children of God, must be very careful with what we associate ourselves with. The devil makes certain that all these sins become very nice to watch and imitate and will eventually dull our conscious to the wrongness of them. Because we are human, soon, for many, the "tame" movies will not be good enough. What comes then? How careful we should live in our day and age.

Note: Text in brackets is material deleted by the letter writer and reinserted by the editors so that the full intent of the Scripture quoted is made clear.

> Joanne Boessenkool, Lethbridge, Alberta

Dishonest news story

If John Span went to Honduras to "document the torture and killing of Christians in Nicaragua," (Front-page story "Canadian ministers to refugee churches, C.C., April 4), he should not have had to look very far. Over 10,000 Nicaraguans have been slaughtered by the United States-backed contras

since 1980, more than half of them civilians including priests, nuns, school teachers, health workers, women and

children.

The contras, who are based in Honduras, have terrorized refugee camps there as well, forcing young people to join them. A Canadian priest who had been in Honduras for 20 years, Father William Arsenault, was murdered by the contras only last month for simply telling refugees that they did not have to join the contras.

It seems to me the news article was dishonest both in its simplistic and distorted presentation of liberation theology and in its description of conditions which have brought Nicaraguans to Honduras as refugees and under which they now live in Honduras.

> Timothy Bood, Dartmouth, N.S.

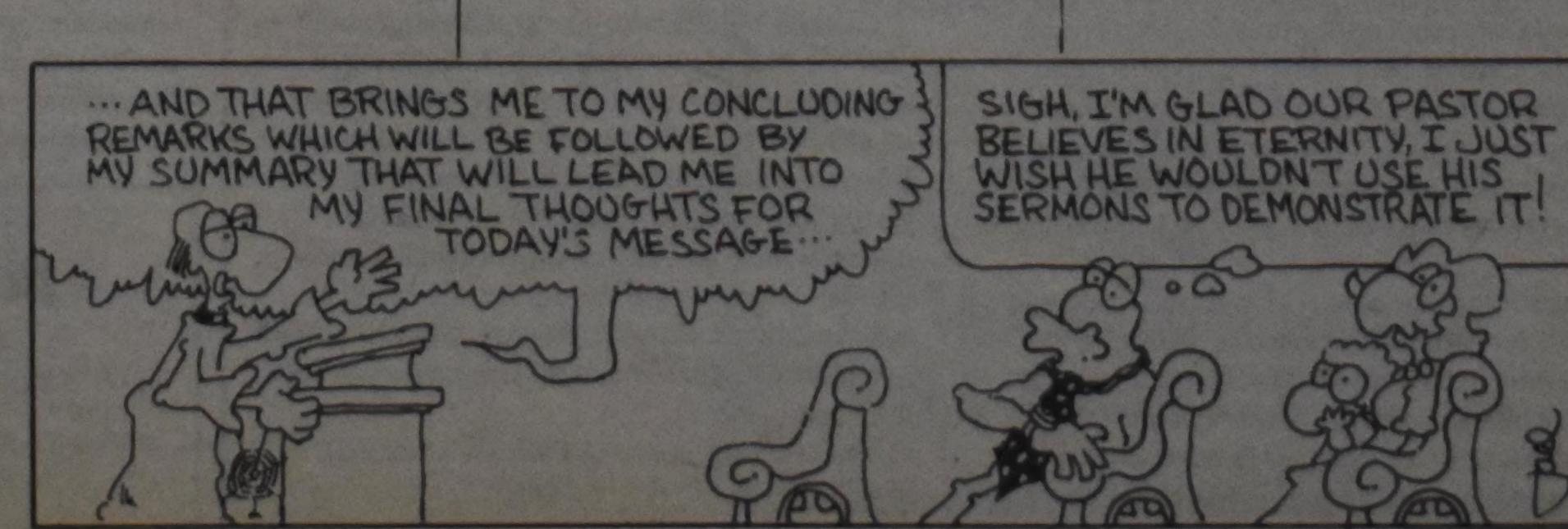
Christian Farmers issue grass-root statements

To the Christian organizations mentioned in "Who speaks for the Church" by Dr. Bolt (April 4) please add the Christian Farmers Federation, which enjoys the respect of both the provincial and federal government.

When this organization speaks out, its pronouncements are grass-root level. Issues move through committee to executive, to provincial board, where the delegates of the 21 regional associations meet. It is at these meetings where policy is set.

The discussion now in progress in Calvinist Contact hopefully clarifies how the church is to be a salting salt and a light on a hill, the other six days of the week. For this I pray.

> Rennie Feddema, Strathroy, Ontario



News

Holland a hit in Vancouver

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round that was built in Holland
around 1850.

Pictures, captions and articles discussing and explaining the events appeared in both Vancouver dailies, and filmclips were shown on local television news programs. Just a hint of controversy served to heighten public interest and garnered further headlines and articles when it was alleged that the art exhibit would not have come to the Vancouver Art Gallery had the castle not been accepted by the city.

The interest here especially in the castle and the paintings of

Dutch life in the Middle Ages stems from the fact that the ancestors of Captain George Vancouver, the British explorer who discovered Burrard Inlet and who gave his name to this city, lived in Kasteel Coevorden in those early days. When the family moved to England the name Van Coevorden gradually became Vancouver.

The pretty castle and its neighbouring windmill were built here through the initiative of Bert Spahr van den Hoek, mayor of the present city of Coevorden and obviously a man with a flair for history.

Originally he proposed the construction of a complete model Dutch village on the lawn of the Vancouver Art Gallery, a project that failed to win the approval of the provincial government of British Columbia.

Instead, a less ambitious version was then endorsed by Vancouver's Centennial Commission and the location changed to the Pacific Centre, a busy plaza in the city's downtown core. It will remain there until January 4, 1987.

Inside the castle is a museum devoted largely to life in the middle ages, the period when



Special exhibits at the Vancouver Art Gallery: (1) "The Dutch World of Painting" is currently showing.

the actual structure was occupied by Captain
Vancouver's ancestors. The windmill, roughly two-thirds real size, houses the Vancouver Centennial Commission's main information booth during the city's centennial year.

A little corner of Holland

The Dutch World of
Painting exhibit, already very
popular here, and the highly
visible and centrally located
Dutch "village," have given
The Netherlands an

extraordinary presence and exposure in Vancouver. This is the more remarkable when it is remembered that Holland decided not to participate in Expo 86, the big world's fair that will open here on May 2nd.

Millions of visitors are expected to crowd into the centre of this city and onto the site of its much heralded fair.

There will be plenty to see in this beautiful city, and prominent among the sights will be a little corner of Holland. By all accounts that little corner is already quite a hit.

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Hustling trade

Prime Minister Mulroney's trade trip to South Korea, May 12-15, after he attends the economic summit in Tokyo of major Western industrialized countries, forwards the aggressive trade stance of his government. Cabinet members touring the globe and officials at 40 Canadian embassies and consulates have been spreading Mulroney's message: "Canada is open for business."

The main purpose of Mulroney's visit is to improve trade relations and reduce Canada's \$400-million trade deficit with South Korea. Former Defence Minister Robert Coates (currently a Nova Scotia MP), a close friend and ardent supporter of South Korea's unelected military government (who has travelled frequently at its expense) will accompany him. Coates is honorary president of the Canada-Korea Parliamentary Friendship Society, which sponsored a recent controversial trip accepted by six Conservative MPs. His knowledge and status in South Korea will be valued by Mulroney as the Prime Minister talks trade in order to improve the Canadian economy; the unbalanced figures suggest it's a tough assignment.

"Competitiveness and security"

The trip is one among many initiatives in the Conservative government's emphasis on increasing Canada's trade. Trade concerns are influencing current review of Canada's objectives in international relations by three parliamentary bodies. A special joint House of Commons and Senate committee on Canada's international relations is conducting hearings in response to Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark's green paper, released last summer as a tentative compilation of what the government proposes concerning Canada's role in the world.

The green paper's title, "Competitiveness and Security: Directions for Canada's International Relations," suggests the values it insists should guide our foreign policy formation. The theme recurrent throughout the paper is that Canada's foreign policy must be determined from Canadian interests in "prosperity and security." In this "Canada first" approach, the need to be a "competitive" and "secure" state seems to overshadow previous Canadian concern about the need to act in a humanitarian way.

Such focus on competitiveness will not lead to policies which acknowledge collective economic security. Plans for Canadian trade enhancement should take into account the problems of deteriorating terms of world trade, debt and Western protectionist measures

affecting the health of the global economy. We should make as great an effort in strengthening our trading position within the Pacific Rim and with developing and lesser developed countries as we do with the United States.

Many developing nations do not have sufficient hard currency exchange with which to purchase foreign products, a problem even in the Pacific Rim countries with growing industries. South Korean Hyundai's Pony became the best-selling imported car in Canada in 1985. South Koreans remember that Canadian auto-makers called for restrictive action doing away with duty preferences for Hyundai, pressure eased only slightly by plans to assemble Hyundais in Quebec. Though Canada's existing battery of restraint agreements controlling "low-cost" textile and clothing imports will expire in 1986, domestic protectionist demands likely will not.

Should seek reduction of protectionism

The South Koreans may well ask the Prime Minister to explain assurances that any Canadian bi-lateral trade talks with the U.S. will further the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) encouragement of freer trade throughout the whole world. The Mulroney government ought to seek reduction of protectionism in upcoming GATT talks, not only for the benefit of Canada but also for the economically poorer nations. Successful global talks will create new opportunities for Canada with other trading partners including those in the fast-growing Pacific Rim. To facilitate such trade liberalization, the federal government must show a much greater commitment to assisting Canadians most seriously affected by increased foreign competition.

Mulroney's trip comes as South Korean
President Chun Doo-hwan is cracking down
anew on dissidents and human rights advocates
who urge Chun to grant political reforms or
suffer Marcos-like deposition. Will our trade
enhancement play a supporting role in
maldevelopment? Canadian trading policies
should be consistent with commitment to wellbeing of people around the world.

Canada's trade relations and foreign policy can help foster global security through more equitable economic relations between nations and improved social conditions. Perhaps in Korea our government could refrain from giving supreme consideration to Canadian national interest. A government which passed legislation to restrain the public sale or purchase of sex should take care in how it sells itself and Canadian business overseas.

Gus Polman is the Christian Farmers' Federation's Edmontonbased Development Education Co-ordinator.

Young offenders better on farm

ment in the western industrialized world, but its prison system is not dealing with the real problems many inmates have. The report states that 40 per cent of inmates are functionally illiterate (more then double the national rate) and a similar proportion have a drug or alcohol dependency problem. Few have marketable skills, many have learning disabilities, poor social skills, family problems, etc.

Success rate

The province claims a 70 per cent success rate for YOU graduates, a figure Thiessen believes is too high if judged by the criteria other than the recidivism rate. What YOU workers look for is evidence of long-term, positive, deeprooted change in a resident's character and real spiritual as well as social development. Sentences to YOU average between three and six months. The time spent on the ranch is sometimes so short "that all we can do is plant a few seeds," Thiessen says.

Ideally the program helps

residents learn to behave responsibly in such areas as personal relationships, work, money management and recreation, as well as develop more positive attitudes toward authority and more acceptable interpersonal skills. Through the development of trusting relationships, staff find frequent occasions to share their faith.

There seems to be a "good feeling of support," also from the local churches, says
Thiessen. The churches, through open meetings, have been included in the process of developing the project.
Churches have been encouraged to think of YOU as a continuing extension of their own ministry, and to aid in establishing rapport within the community.

An exact site for the new ranch has not yet been chosen, but it's been determined that there is a need for such facilities in the Lethbridge area. An interim board for the new farm was set up in March of this year and a director for the project is now being sought.

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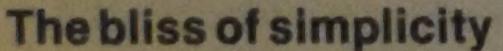
Also Dutch Law

All the world a stage for Ronald Reagan

J.C. van Oosterom

The long-expected U.S. military strike against Gadaffi's Libya, in the works probably since last summer, was carried out on April 14. Its stated objectives were to cripple Libyan-based terrorist installations and to send a message to Gadaffi and, one senses, more importantly, to Americans, that terrorism would henceforth carry a heavy price. The stated reason is by now familiar to everyone: allegedly Libyan-supported terrorist strikes against American lives and interests, especially in Europe.

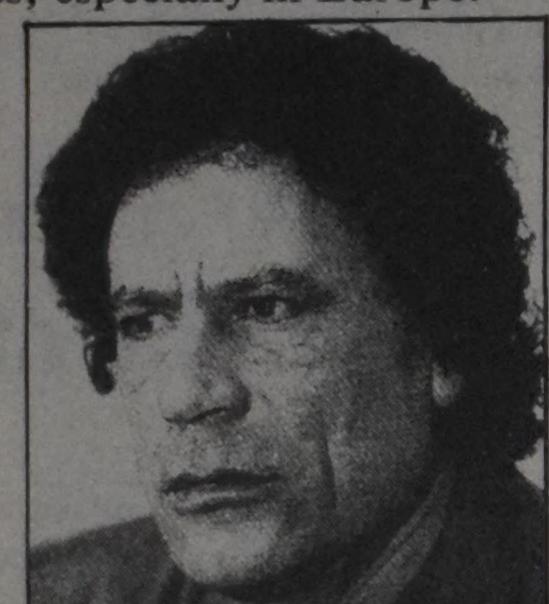
Whether the first stated objective was reached may not become clear for some time. Early reports suggest that the strike was not as "surgical" as first reported by the Secretary of Defense, and that "collateral" damage destruction and injury brought on civilians and neutrals — was not as trivial as may have seemed. In any event, it is widely believed, probably rightly, that the punitive raid will not discourage Gadaffi and other Arab - particularly Palestinian — extremists for long. Reason: the world, and especially the U.S., no longer listens to Palestinian grievances.



The second objective, sending a message, was simple, and, for that reason appealing and effective, at least for domestic consumption: America would no longer be pushed around by the petty rogue Gadaffi. The complex illness of the Middle East was thus reduced to an isolated tumor requiring precision surgery. Early returns of public polls indicate that Americans overwhelmingly supported the action, a fact readily apparent from the hawkish tone in news reports and commentaries.

The action demonstrates once again — as did unproven White House reports earlier of a large-scale Nicaraguan invasion of Honduras — that U.S. foreign policy has been appropriated to serve domestic image building through what British opposition critic M.P. Dennis Healy called Reagan's "Rambo-style" policies.

"Rambo-style" policies. At home, yes, but abroad, the Reagan administration failed to convince Western allies generally of both the wisdom of a military strike and the validity of evidence purporting to show Libyan involvement in the terrorist incident most often cited as the causus bellum: the bombing of a West German discotheque. German foreign minister Hans Greschner did not accept the evidence. It is also doubtful whether Britain's prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, collaborated in the strike simply on the basis of the evidence presented by Washington, just as one might wonder why Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney,



Muammar Gadaffi

having first withheld full endorsement, later gave his unqualified support. In view of current delicate negotiations with the U.S. on free trade, the endorsement openly invites charges of cynicism.

Italy and France, among the major allies, flatly refused to endorse a course they thought disastrous. Wrote noted Canadian columnist Gwynne Dyer recently: "Even America's allies are increasingly coming to see Reagan's foreign policy as an embarrassing combination of belligerence and frivolity which commands neither respect nor fear All of Reagan's great foreign policy adventures over the past five years have been conducted in little Third World countries with populations of three million or less: Lebanon, Grenada, Nicaragua and Libya. These are hardly vital strategic issues for the U.S.... but it all helps to keep the American public entertained."

Shaking out the truth

Generally, American journalists bemoaned the allies' failure to ratify Reagan's methods. Newsweek's John Walcott would have preferred to see Western Europe take a more "muscular" stand. Anchormen of the major American networks seemed to share this opinion. By contrast, BBC correspondent John Simpson believed that Gadaffi is not the root problem and that much of the current tensions and terrorist activities can be attributed to America's total support of the state of Israel. CTV's Craig Oliver surmised that America had embarked on an international game of chicken in the Middle East. Rather than intimidating Gadaffi and terrorists, acts of war are likely to step up terrorism and subsequently draw increasingly more gunfire from the U.S. Quoting an earlier New York Times report,

Sigler stated ominously: "The behavior of the strong sets the conduct of the weak."

A disconcerting thought emerges here: if KGB sponsored Red Brigades and Baader-Meinhof gangs begin terrorizing U.S. installations in Europe, will Reagan order similar surgical strikes against terrorist training bases in the Soviet Union?

Speaking of the Soviet Union, its reaction to the incident was predictable: "American imperialism has perpetrated a new and bloody crime," was the report filed by ABC's Moscow bureau chief Walter Rogers. However, Moscow had, needless to say, been alerted to Washington's plans, and probably reacted with considerable glee and satisfaction at the prospect of yet another Washington blunder. Reagan's militant posturing would undoubtedly strengthen Moscow's hand in the Middle East. As well, it would probably also make the Western Europeans more susceptible to Soviet propaganda coups.

Declaration of war?

ABC's "Nightline," hosted by the usually perceptive Ted Koppel, dwelt largely on the methods and rationale of the strike. But "Nightline" was revealing on a number of related points. The two lawmakers invited to comment on the affair, Florida Democrat Dante Fascell and Illinois Republican Robert Michel seemed most concerned about Congress's share in the decision making, drawing the suggestion from Koppel himself that it might be wiser for the U.S. government as a whole to declare war rather than have the Administration authorize acts of war and risk alienating Congress. At this point, one might be excused for reeling back in disbelief. The fact that the suggestion was hypothetical mitigated its fierceness only slightly.

On the same program, former National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane betrayed the bankruptcy of Reagan's Middle East policy, leaving one to wonder whatever happened to the painstaking negotiations and comprehensive Middle East policy prosecuted by former President Jimmy Carter.

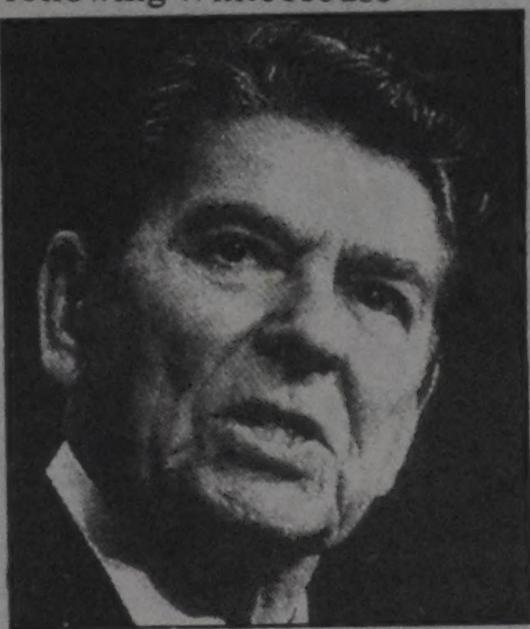
Of all the Americans heard to comment on the strike that evening, the only dissenting voice was that of Georgetown University professor Henry Schuler, a Libya expert and former oil company executive, who felt that diplomatic and economic sanctions would have more long-term effects than any military action.

Wilderness voice

The lone Arab voice

represented on "Nightline" belonged to the Arab League observer to the U.N., Ambassador Clovis Maksoud.

Maksoud attempted to put
the problem of terrorism in the
larger context of terrorism
committed by both Arabs and
Israelis. Not surprisingly, his
attempts to provide some
useful background information were quickly derailed by
Koppel. The news media,
following White House



Ronald Reagan

orchestration, had divorced completely the matter of Libyabacked terrorism from the larger Middle East picture. It was an admission of policy breakdown, a development that will seriously undermine U.S. influence in the Middle East and bedevil its relationship, not only with moderate Arabs but with Western Europeans as well.

The views held here, the reader will have noticed, are not those of the Gush Emunim, the political voice of the religious right wing in Israel, many of whose views can also be found in the pro-Israel polemics of Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority and other dispensationalist Christians. I realize that it is fashionable to condemn any criticism of expansionist Zionism as anti-

Semitic. But the public should realize that a more fundamental problem than Gadaffi exists.

To a great extent, Gadaffi is only a front for the Palestinian cause, a conduit through which Palestinians can air their often legitimate - grievances. Following is a quote from the study, Israelis and Palestinians: Beyond Nationalism, by professor Bert De Vries of Calvin College: "What Palestinians call 'terrorism' the Israelis call 'retaliation' and what the Israelis call 'terrorist raids' the Palestinians call 'liberation of the homeland.' That this parallel is not so obvious to American eyes is due to the pro-Israeli bias in our thinking. We have been used to equating the PLO with terrorism and Israel with noble self-defense and pure-war morality. If, however, terrorism is the use of arbitrary violence involving innocent victims for enhancing one's political goals, then terrorism has been the method of the Israeli side as well." (p. 18)

DeVries' contribution to the discussion is a must for those who wish to get a more balanced picture and seek to understand Western European reluctance to treat only the symptoms of a disease.

The problem is bigger than Gadaffi, demanding more than visceral outbursts of American indignation and surreal scriptwriting borrowed from Hollywood box-office hits.

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Church Marian Van Til, page editor

All God's children

Peter W. DeBruyne

We had another baptism this past Sunday, but the baby was different:
 his eyes were a bit slanted
 his ears seemed lower than normal his tongue was too big for his little mouth.

The parents didn't look very happy
when the pastor spoke about the promises of God
proclaimed in His Word
and confirmed in the sacrament of baptism.
And when the child was sprinkled with water
tears ran down the mother's cheeks.

The congregation promised to receive this child in love, pray for him, help care for his instruction, and encourage and sustain him in the fellowship of believers.

"We do, God helping us," the people said.

O Lord, You know that many parents
of handicapped children
still feel isolated in the family of God.
You also know that Frankie was not good enough
to be enrolled and educated
in our local Christian school.
And You know that Mary is still being cared for
in an institution
funded and operated by the government!

But did they know what they were saying?

I wonder why there are still so many among God's covenant people who do not dare believe that in baptism ALL GOD'S CHILDREN are buried and raised with Jesus Christ.

Peter De Bruyne is pastor of Second Christian Reformed Church, Brampton, Ontario.

Christian tapes available to the blind

STOUFFVILLE, Ont.

(CBMI) — A Christian Tape
Ministry for blind and other
handicapped Canadians got
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Art Brooker, Director of Christian Blind Mission International of Canada (CBMI), in announcing inauguration of the ambitious undertaking, stressed that it does not duplicate the services offered by other agencies. "We are providing Christian titles that, to our knowledge, are not otherwise available on cassette," he said.

The Cassette Lending
Library will eventually
include a wide range of
Christian reading —
biography, devotional,
nurture, humour, missions,
family life, apologetics,
prophesy, fiction and
Christian classics.

The cassette library has commenced with a limited number of titles, but new ones will be added as they are produced by CBMI of Canada, says George Smith, co-ordinator of the endeavour. Qualified, trained volunteers have been recruited to read the books which will be recorded at the National office of CBMI in Stouffville, just north of Toronto.

The cassette recordings are

made available to the blind and other handicapped for whom reading is impossible or extremely difficult. Brooker and Smith state that they are counting heavily on pastors and churches to bring the service to the attention of those for whom it is intended.

"This can be a first-rate outreach tool for churches," states Brooker. "We want to make available to them quality Christian reading for

the handicapped in their congregations and communities." Controversial and sectarian books will not be recorded.

Those who qualify can request tapes which they will receive by mail free of charge. Canada Post provides authorized mailers in which the handicapped may return the cassettes at no cost to themselves. The tapes may be kept for three weeks.

Pastoral Pondering

Do not be afraid!

Jack Quartel

Some years ago, I regularly visited an older couple. The husband almost invariably greeted me with these words: "'t Gaat mis, dominee." (Things are going wrong, pastor.)
Although he did not explain any further, I suppose he meant that things in general were not going well, but he had the church specifically in mind.

Now there is no denying that in an imperfect world such as ours there are always things to be found that are not right.

Nevertheless there is something dramatically wrong with an attitude like this. And it concerns me, because this brother seemed to reflect the spirit that lives among many of us today.

Spirit of unbelief and fear

What troubles me first of all is that this is a spirit of unbelief. How is it possible that Reformed Christians who pride themselves on confessing the sovereignty of God can be so negative and critical? How can things always go wrong when our sovereign God is in control? To say that, and to live like that, is sheer unbelief of which we must repent. How can we live as if there are only "liberal" leaders and no almighty and loving God?

The second thing that troubles me is that this reflects a spirit of fear; and that is sin as well. Because Jesus, on the day of resurrection, said emphatically, "Do not be afraid." (Mt. 28:10) And Paul echoes that when he writes to Timothy: "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-control." (2 Tim 1:7) Or in Romans 8:15: "For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the spirit of sonship." A spirit of fear is both unReformed and unChristian.

Fearenslaves

Fear is a sin that enslaves us. It focuses our attention on sinful humanity rather than on a saving God. Fear deafens. It affects our ears. It makes us hear noises that are not there, or to hear danger in what are merely innocent sounds. Fear makes it impossible for us to really hear what the other is saying. Fear blinds. Fear sees dangers that are not really there. Fear makes it impossible to see others as they really are. Fear stifles. A person who is deathly afraid will not venture very far. There is little you can do with him or her. A fearing person will want to hold on to the status quo. He or she is afraid to be led by the Spirit, and at the same time is blind to that fact. Fear darkens. A church that is in the grip of fear will have lost much of its joy and most of its attraction. She cannot be a witness in this world. For she preaches and testifies to dangers, to the sin of fellow believers much more than she does to the love of God and salvation in Christ.

The Spirit casts out fear

It is remarkable that we read so often in the Bible that the Pharisees and leaders who opposed Jesus were afraid. They were afraid all the time — of Jesus and what He did, and of the crowds and of the church.

The disciples, however, knew no fear after they were filled with the Spirit. When the Israel court sent them home with dire threats, they did not pray for protection. They only prayed this: "Enable your servants to speak Your Word with great boldness." (Acts 4:29)

If we are to be His body, a channel for His saving power, we must not be afraid, but only believe.

Rev. Quartel is pastor of Faith Christian Reformed Church, Burlington, Ontario.

Women say religion is important in life

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NEW YORK, N.Y. (EP)— Most women characterize themselves as religious, although many disagree with some aspects of their chosen faith, according to a survey of 25,000 readers conducted by Glamour magazine.

Almost 75 per cent of the women describe themselves as religious. They say their faith is a source of inner strength (72 per cent); provides perspective on what's important in life (70 per cent); gives them moral and ethical guidance (64 per cent); and offers spiritual peace (63 per cent).

Disagreement with their church on certain issues was also expressed by women surveyed. Teachings on premarital sex were unpopular with 43 per cent of women; 36

per cent don't approve of their church's teaching on abortion and birth control; 25 per cent disagree with their religion's stand on divorce.

More than half (54 per cent) said they attend church or synagogue regularly. Belief in God was expressed by 83 per cent; 72 per cent believe in life after death; and 57 per cent in a judgment day. Twelve per cent had tried evangelism.

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In memoriam: Rev. Jacob Hoogland

March 9, 1900 - March 30, 1986

How does one pay tribute to a former pastor, teacher, preacher and friend?

Rev. Jacob Hoogland left this earth on Easter Sunday. In the morning he still heard an Easter message on the radio. Later that day his faith became sight. That must have been especially great for him as during the last year of his life his eyesight had failed him.

Rev. Hoogland began his ministry in 1930. He served in Decatur, Michigan, Allen Ave., Muskegon, Michigan and Wyoming Park, Wyoming, Michigan. After one year in Wyoming Park, his wife passed away. In the midst of sorrow he, with his four children, aged 12 to 16, found their strength in God. In 1948 he married his present wife, Dorothea. Seven children graced that marriage.

The Hooglands served in Woodstock, Ontario, from 1951-1958. After that he ministered in Langley, B.C., and Nobleford, Alberta.

In 1966 he retired and moved to Grand Rapids.

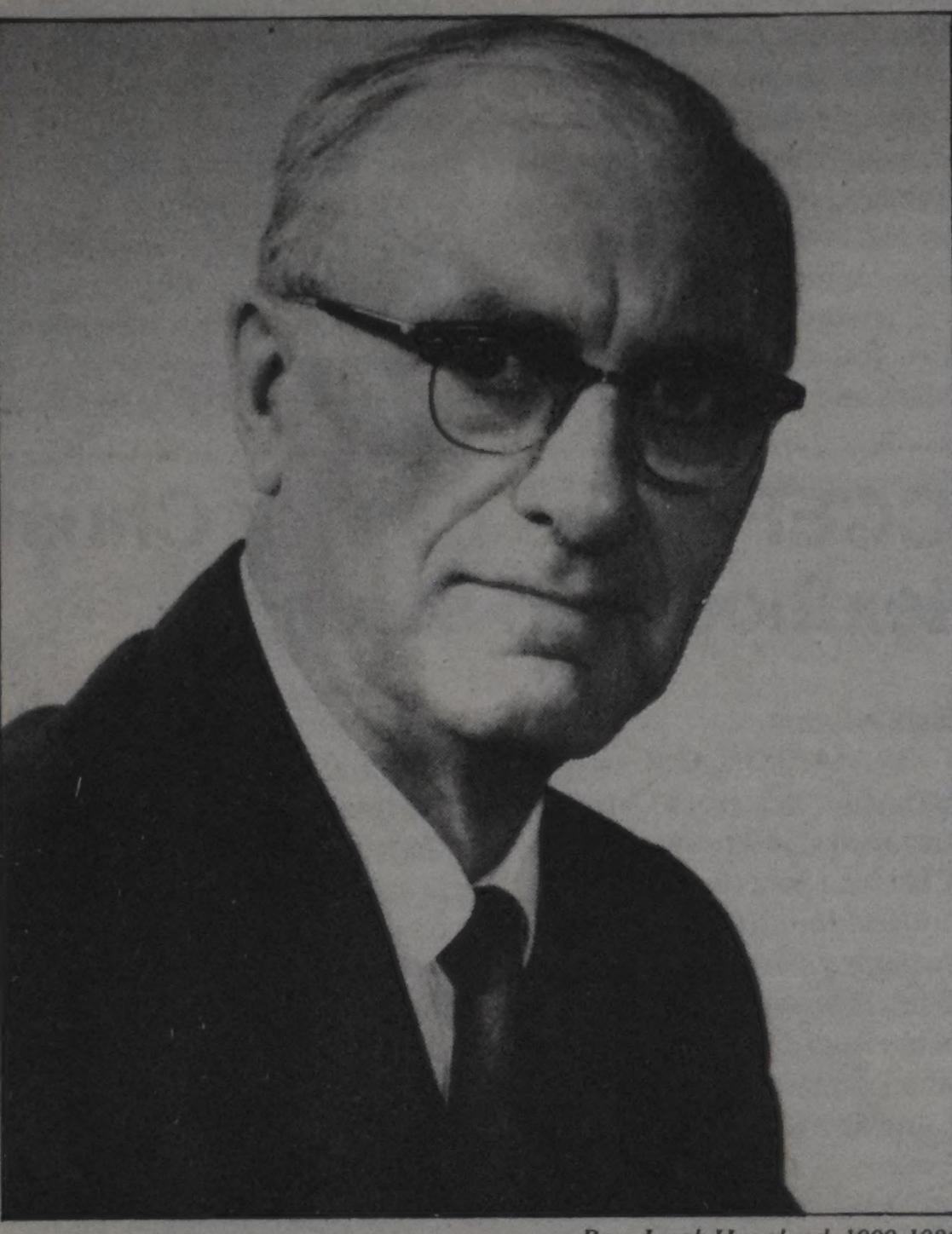
Dynamic and knowledgeable

It is in the context of the Woodstock years that I wish to share a few thoughts. I remember him so well — I was in my early teens. We were getting our own minister after Rev. C. Spoelhof had served so faithfully as a home missionary.

Hoogland was a dynamic speaker with a booming voice. His sermons were a solid diet replete with many illustrations. He was a knowledgeable and able teacher. He took a real interest in youth and always seemed to know who was dating whom! He always encouraged us to attend youth events. That is where you meet a Christian partner for life, he would tell us.

In my own catechism classes and preaching, I from time to time make reference to my former pastor and how he would explain certain points.

In Woodstock, Hoogland's name is still often mentioned. Rev. and Mrs. Hoogland had an open heart and home for the



Rev. Jacob Hoogland, 1900-1986

early immigrants. They were called to the train station on

various occasions as new immigrants arrived. The early immigrant pastors appeared in court too from time to time, to function as interpreters.

Straightforward

Hoogland was a determined man who spoke in straightforward language. You did not often have to guess as to what he really meant. I remember he had unusual foresight — he was opposed to smoking and already in the early fifties prophecied that the day would come that he would be proven right about smoking being detrimental to one's health.

Teenagers usually quit school at an early age during those first immigrant years to get a job and make money. Rev. Hoogland strongly encouraged both boys and girls to go on to school and get an education in order for them to provide leadership for the future. Hoogland's own younger children were born when he was already advanced in years. His prayer that he be permitted to live till his youngest children were grown

up was abundantly answered.

For the past several years, my wife and I saw the Hooglands once a year when we were in Grand Rapids. On one of those visits, some time ago, he gave a bit of a farewell word. As we walked outside he indicated that he did not expect to be here much longer. He said that he looked forward to glory. He shared a few thoughts from Romans 8 that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

He was biblically optimistic about the future of the church and could not identify with those who think that everything in the church is going wrong. He kept up with the happenings in the church and the world until the very end.

Rev. Hoogland also had his

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weaknesses. Sometimes you had to push him to listen. People did not always agree with him. He was strongwilled and strongminded. At the same time he had a good sense of humour.

Rev. Jacob Hoogland's task on earth is finished. May God comfort the children, family, friends and especially his dedicated and loving wife.

A certain era of the immigrant days in Canada is gradually drawing to a close. Leaders and others of earlier days are being called to their eternal home. When I think of people like the Hooglands and the American Home

Missionaries to Canada in the forties and early fifties, I thank God for what He permitted them to do. They were one with us, the common people. They made few demands, asked little for themselves. May God eternally reward these often unsung heroes of the Christian Reformed Church. "Jesus with Thy Church abide, May her lamp of truth be bright."

Ralph Koops is pastor of Maranatha Chr. Ref. Church in Cambridge, Ontario.

For those who mourn

It isn't just the knowledge of a loved one's home above made new in the heavens near our Father's love.

It isn't just the dulling of time around the heart that gives the peace inside for each new day to start.

It's not the care and love that's shown in days of grief or the draining of sad tears that brings slow relief.

But it's the faithful Father of heaven and earth who holds us in His arms as babes of His rebirth.

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Education

Henry de Jong, page editor

Expectations — love

A parent wishes to speak to me in the office. We greet each other courteously and then get right down to business. The question is asked - "Do you, as principal, know what is going on in or at school? There are some students who swear, others fight, still others cheat, and some stealing has taken place." The list could go on. It is said that such things should not go on at a 'Christian' school. In one sense I agree with the parent and say so. I am pleased that the parent tells me directly rather than relaying this information to the school board.

But let us look a little deeper. What really is the source or the origin of such problems? It is SIN. Sin is with us in our homes, churches, schools and community. Having stated this, let me assure you this is hardly the end of the matter. We have a duty, a responsibility, to do our utmost to try to conquer sin in our lives and help others do the same. All of us are sinners. Except for the grace of God, where would my life be, where would your life be?

So when there is evidence of sin in our midst, we may not close our eyes to it. It does not help when one hears - "My Johnny would not do that." Sometimes students (and for that matter, adults too) do things that are plainly foolish and wrong. We must try to correct misbehaviour. How that is to be done is so significant. From the Christian's point of view, all correction or discipline must be done in love. That is far from easy. But nevertheless it is our sacred responsibility.

So let us strive together to recognize sin for what it really is. And with an attitude of humility let us do our very best to fight against it in our own lives, as well as in others. In Corinthians, Paul writes about three important elements in the life of a believer — faith, hope and love. He concluded the greatest was love. May all of us, young and old, strive to replace sin with love in our thoughts, words and deeds.

N. Brouwer, Cedar Chips Newsletter, Prince George, B.C.

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Catholic students score higher

Test scores provided by the National Assessment of Educational Progress show that the reading achievement of Catholic school students in the U.S. is higher than the national average, even when classified by sex, race, ethnicity and geographic region.

The study's author, Valerie Lee, found, for example, that black and Hispanic students in

Catholic schools score well above the national average for black and Hispanic groups. Also, the gap between the scores of black and Hispanic students and the scores of white students is narrower in Catholic schools than in public schools.

Though Lee says she cannot explain conclusively why Catholic school students score

higher, she notes that they tend to watch less television, do more homework, take more academic courses in high school, and receive more instruction in academic areas than their counterparts in public schools.

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CCEF helps pay for Christian textbooks in science

Bert Witvoet

BRAMPTON, Ont. - A series of four science Christian textbooks, just released by Christian Schools International (CSI), were recently presented by Director Sheri Haan and two other representatives of CSI to the annual board meeting of the Canadian Christian Education Foundation (CCEF).

The science textbooks were written by Rick Klooster, a teacher at Lafayette (Indiana) Christian School, formerly principal of the London (Ontario) Parental Christian School. The textbooks are for grades 3,4,5 and 6. Mr. Klooster is working on two more science textbooks for grades 7 and 8.

Funds for Christian textbooks

CCEF is the Canadian fundraising arm of CSI, which also receives funds from its U.S. Foundation, CSIF. Both foundations raise moneys outside of local school budgets, through donations. The funds are used for the development of Christian curriculum material.

For 1986-87 the CSI proposed funding request for curriculum development totals \$231,184 (U.S.), of which the CCEF Board of Directors has decided to fund about \$61,000 (\$85,000 Can.). The balance will be raised by the U.S. Foundation.

The figure of \$61,000 (U.S.) does not appear to be arbitrary if one considers the number of schools and children attending CSI member schools on each side of the border. Of the 412 schools, 121 are in Canada, which is 29.4 per cent of the total. Of the 78,000 children,

18,000 attend CSI schools in Canada, which is 23 per cent of the total. The figure of \$61,000 (\$85,000 Can.) is about 26 per cent of the total curriculum development funds.

What makes the Canadian contribution more attractive is that \$10,584 of the \$61,000 will be used by the CSI Canadian Districts for their own curriculum projects.

The development of curriculum materials is an ongoing program each year, says Mr. Fred Vander Velde, Executive Director of the CCEF. "We will need much more financial support from across Canada in 1986 than we have been getting in the past."

Further CCEF matters

The CCEF board at its meeting appointed two new directors to the board. Mr. Mient Visser in Lethbridge, Alberta, replaced the former CCEF Directors Mr. L. F. (Bert) Konynenbelt. Also appointed to the board is Mr. Peter Den Dekker from Copetown, Ontario. There are

presently 33 board members across Canada and one in Grand Rapids, Michigan, all working together to raise more funds for the development of Christian textbooks.

The last Annual Spring meeting saw for the first time a woman board member present, Mrs. Anne Deelstra from Listowel, Ontario. She fits in very well," says Mr. Vander Velde. The CCEF board hopes to find more women who are willing to be part of this fundraising team."

The CCEF board also gave a vote of confidence to its Executive Director, Mr. Fred Vander Velde, by extending to him a permanent contract, and applauding him for a job well done during the past 10 years. He has been employed by the CCEF since its inception in 1975, and will continue to administer the affairs and promote the work and program of the Foundation as the fulltime Executive Director, operating from his office/ residence in Burlington.

Helping a child meet challenges

The saddest thing for a teacher, like myself, is to see students limiting themselves. Parents and teachers can unconsciously limit children by excusing poor work habits or by not disciplining and caring. But mostly it's the individual who limits themselves.

Here are some principles we can teach our children so they have the courage and confidence to meet challenges: 1) Have faith - pray and meditate.

2) Be openminded to other

ideas.

3) Be honest, especially about yourself.

4) Give yourself to others. 5) Organize your time wisely or

else it will be gone before you realize.

6) Don't take dangerous shortcuts with work or play. 7) Trust that God will never give you anything that you cannot handle.

8) Be the best you can be, believe in yourself.

9) Memorize Mark 11:22-25 which tells us faith can move mountains.

John Calvin Christian School Newsletter, Guelph, Ontario.

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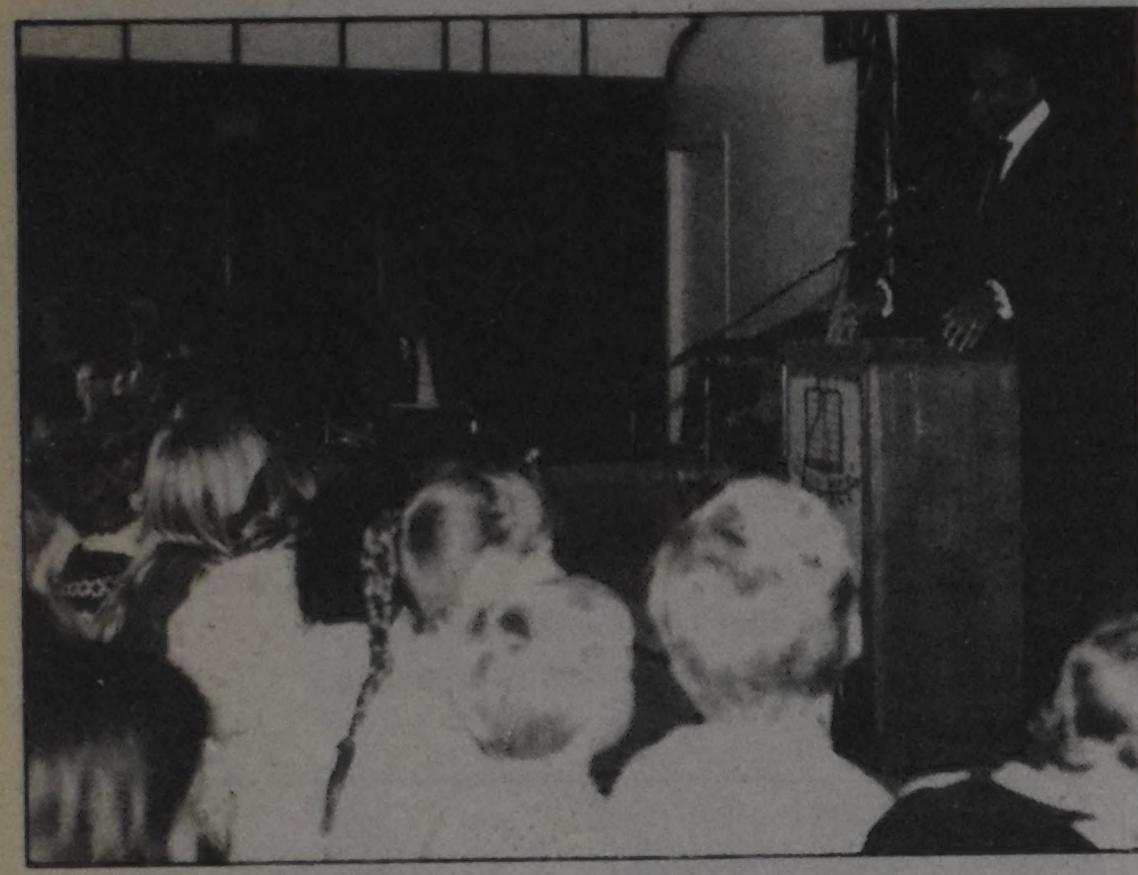
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D. DeGier

BRAMPTON, Ont. — On the morning of Thursday, April 13, there were a lot of people scurrying about busy with final preparations. Although all the grounds had been tidied up before, little things like the final sweeping of the front entrance was meticulously taken care of. T.V. crews were fine tuning their cameras and lights, flowers began decorating the stage, students and parents were beginning to fill the auditorium. The excitement began to build. The Lieutenant Governor, Lincoln M. Alexander was coming to the John Knox Christian School in Brampton and at precisely 10 a.m. there he was with police escort and aide de camps.

Even as he entered, Mr. Alexander strayed from the official party to say hello to parents and students. What warmth. The assembly began with the playing of the Vice Regal Song, followed by the band leading all in our national anthem. Mr. Witteveen welcomed His Honour and wished him God's blessing in the opening prayer. Then it was bur turn. We sang our songs as a school, and with the choir. Concert Band played four selections, the creative movement class acted out the story of Noah, grade two/three woke us all up with a French good morning song and grade four did a wonderful performance with their trick rope skipping.

Then it was Mr. Alexander's turn. In his address he told us how much he had enjoyed our assembly. The way he had been toe taping and clapping his hands we knew he had. He also told us that we could be anything in life if we were willing to work hard enough for it. But leave drugs and alcoholalone. That stuff gets you nowhere. He reminded us also how important education was and he congratulated our parents in caring for us by sending us to J.K.C.S.

At the end we spent some time with questions and answers after which the



From I. to r.: Mr. I. Witteveen, Principal of J.K.C.S., Lieutenant Governor L.M. Alexander, Mrs. A. DeRooy, Secretary of the Board, Mr. T. Riedstra, Chairman of the Board.

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Now that your visit is over, we have been asked to say what we think of it.

First of all I would like to thank you for coming. I thought that you were quite nice and much more down-to-earth than I'd expected.

Good luck with the Queen and whatever else you decide to do.

I hope you are able to carry out the two things that you talked about in your very nice speech.

Yours truly, William V., Grade 6

Hello Mr. Alexander,

I was glad you came to share your thoughts with us in your very busy schedule. I hope you enjoyed your visit to John Knox.

God bless you and keep you in whatever you may do and wherever you may be.

Sincerely yours, Lena K., Gr. 6

Cinema summaries

Marian Van Til

Water

Rated Parental Guidance

Stars Michael Caine, Valerie Perrine, Brenda Vaccaro, Leonard Rossiter, Billy Connelly, with special appearances by Erik Clapton, George Harrison and Ringo Starr. Directed by Dick Clement

In the zany, satiric world of Water, Caspara is a tiny Caribbean island no one's ever heard of: the British who "own" it would be hard-pressed to find it on a map; a Texas oil company has one defunct well there; even Caspara's inhabitants — black and white — are all descendants of the survivors of various shipwrecks.

There is a radio station, whose disk jockey, as "with it" as any up-to-the-minute New Yorker, provides the island's social commentary, entertainment. There are two "rebels" who sing their way toward raised social consciousness and revolution (i.e., independence from Britain). There is an environmentalist (ironically, the daughter of the Texas oil baron) who comes to the island to save its bats. There is a hard-drinking, philandering Presbyterian minister who 30 years ago managed to escape reality and is not inclined to return. (Needless to say, he ministers to no one.) Overseeing this strange assortment is a laidback British governor, long-forgotten by his superiors in the U.K. Though weak-willed at first, the governor's allegiance turns out to be firmly placed with the natives.

The oil company returned to do a television commercial, inadvertently strikes not oil but water — of the Perrier variety. Everyone takes a sudden and acute interest in Caspara's affairs. The Americans will make millions, the British want to make millions, the French, with their corner on the mineral water market, want to sabotage those efforts, and the natives want what's rightfully theirs.

Though satire can be more destructive than humourous, most of Water's satirical jabs can be instructive. No one gets away with self-righteousness in this film — not the smug British, the materialistic Americans, the superficial French, the sensationalizing news media, third world revolutionaries, narcissistic movie stars, "Live-Aid" type concerts, the United Nations, nor a church that has lost sight of the Gospel. Yet the filmmakers never give a sense of pronouncing judgment from which they exempt themselves.

water's failed attempt to caricature sexual relationships is a serious and even offensive flaw. The film's satire breaks down rather than instructs in the way it presents characters like the governor's hyper-sexed wife and the lecherous British minister (Rossiter). They come off as lewd and even pathetic, an embarrassment to themselves and the audience. (That is true, for somewhat different reasons, of the minister as well.)

Though this film is, of course, not informed by a Christian spirit, it nudges us viewers toward a renewed awareness of personal and corporate shortcomings and prejudices, and toward a re-examination of the assumptions we make about those ("inferiors") we find it easy to hold in contempt.

The music is an integral part of the film, acting as a kind of "Greek chorus" in commenting on the film's action. It is high quality, early-'70s-style rock with a Caribbean flavour, ably composed by Mike Moran, and former Beatle George Harrison.

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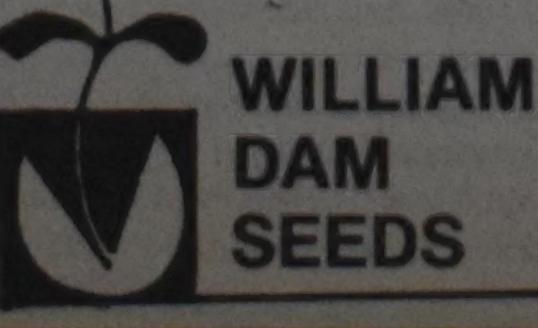
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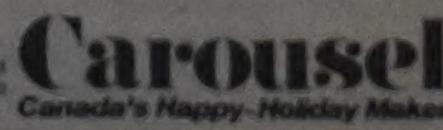
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The day of the maple



Evelyn Witter

A few weeks ago the old maple tree south of the house and east of the barn yard budded and leafed out again even though it had blown down a couple of years ago and lay near the fence line. Every twig was green despite the tree's unsubstantial connection with the earth. Some roots still brought nourishment to the tree.

Today the men are cutting the maple into fireplace lengths.

I know there was dry rot around the hollow place where squirrels made their home, below the shelf we made for them on which to enjoy the graham crackers and other goodies we put out occasionally. Because of the rot the tree couldn't have gone on much longer even if it hadn't blown down.

But still my heart weeps for the tree that lived for more than a hundred years, stalwart and grave against the snow, sleet, wind, storms, heat and dry spells. It finally had to succumb to the elements.

I hear the axes cutting through the budded twigs and the strong branches and I'm thinking that it's perhaps exactly fitting that the maple should now serve to warm us during the bleak winter nights. The maple has always served other living things — birds and squirrels and bees. Once the Indians enjoyed its tall beauty; it gave shade to the pioneer who broke sod in fields nearby.

The saw buzzes and I think how the landscape will never be the same without the maple. I remember it in the winter when it wore a lacy white dress of snow and ice. It looked dramatic then, its arms stretching skyward and holding a pair of performing cardinals.

Buzz-z-z-; the saw works on. Then it is the axe again. I can see the maple quiver beneath the axe as it never bowed to the four winds which always sought it.

The maple is dressed in spring finery now as it has been for a hundred springs. The tree's finery exceeds any manmade finery I have ever seen.

The maple's elegance and age once gave the farm the dignity of heritage. In summer its green coolness beckoned; in autumn it dazzled the eye with flame.

The maple was a tree to ease the heart.

The axe and the saw have stopped now. The men are carting the wood to the shed.

Everywhere this morning the air lies rich with the smell of the blossoms of new life.

Evelyn Witter is a freelance writer from Milan, Illinois.

Sing louder, bird, don't you remember brittle air, hard garden grey wreaths of breath, freezing red flesh, white hoar, and the sun

bleary phantom, poor candle flame snuffed out at quarter to five? don't you remember

encroaching on the road lumps ragged and ugly, misshapen, dirty

sponges - once they were snow

and oh

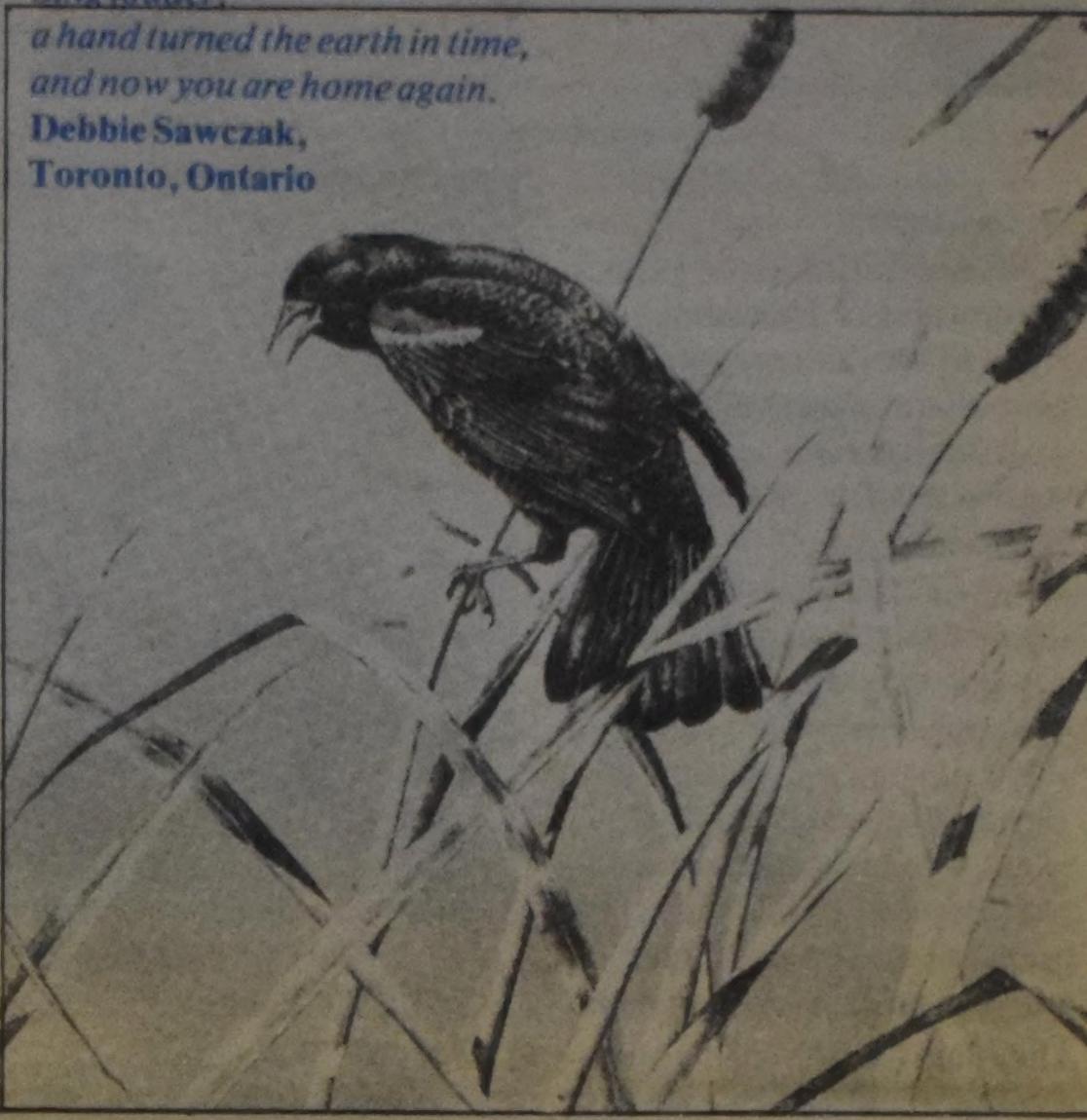
the bondage of boots

of ball-and-chain weight

and lips like weathered windowsills flaking?

and willows in undignified nakedness weeping, waiting for a view of you.

Sing louder.



Art: Top: Grey Squirrel, Steve McNorton (acrylic); middle: Spring Broadcaster, Christine Wilson (watercolour); bottom: Birds of the Petroglyphs (compotina print folio).

The merry month of May

Bert Witvoet

The month of May is a great month, don't you think? In the northern hemisphere nature wakes up after a six-month coma. The birds are busy building nests. According to a Dutch saying, "In May, all birds an egg do lay." (Nonsense, of course. Since when do male birds lay eggs?)

May is the month when income tax forms are piling up in Ottawa storage bins, and taxpayers who have generously contributed to charitable causes expectantly wait for their refunds.

May is the month when college students are finished for the year or for good, and lower school students begin to feel the itch of summer coming on.

May is the month when the danger of frost has passed south of the 48th parallel, and the garden is planted, and you promise yourself you will not let a weed get out of hand for the rest of the season.

May is the month when soccer leagues and baseball leagues get going on their summer programs. May is also the month of the NHL semi-final and final play-offs.

In May older couples from Holland celebrate or have recently celebrated anniversaries because the housing leases used to come up for renewal in May.

In May we remember the end of World War II and celebrate Mother's Day. It is the month we remember Queen Elizabeth II's birthday on Victoria Day, even though her real birthday is April 21!

In May the Church of Christ celebrates Ascension Day and Pentecost.

There must be a hundred more things one can say of May, besides the fact that it has the shortest and sweetest name of all the months. The poet perhaps said it best: There are 12 months in all the year,

As I hear many mensay, But the finest month in all the year

Is the merry month of May.

Thank you, Lord, for this fantastic month of May. We could not face the rest of the year without it.



Story

The call of the Blue Jay

John Martens

Apeldoorn and Arnhem are the names of two Dutch cities well known to many British and Canadian soldiers during World War II. Halfway between the two towns, in the fall of 1944, lived Gerard Methorst and his wife Cor. Further down the road was the restaurant annex where Willem Methorst, Gerard's brother, and his wife Dirkje made their home. Their houses, not far from the highway, were more often than not full of the most diverse people.

You see, the Methorsts were good Dutch patriots. They eagerly looked forward to the day their fatherland would be liberated from the oppressive Nazi yoke. They were even ready to risk their lives to assist in that great cause and ever willing to help those on the run from the hated enemy.

One could find in their modest dwellings men who had refused to work in Germany and disobeyed the call to report for the notorious Arbeids-Einsatz (obligatory labour).

There were Jewish families with children who had missed by a hairsbreadth the transports to Auschwitz.

Allied pilots and paratroopers, wandering about after the disastrous battle of Arnhem in September 1944, found a welcome reception under the roof of the Methorsts.

And there were the mysterious men and women of the Dutch Resistance who often stayed only an hour or so.
They harassed the enemy and snooped on his communications. They were always "en route" and reported their intelligence by wireless to England from ever shifting locations.

At times, German officers burst into the Methorst homes and would order the ladies to cook a big meal. The Methorsts lived hair-raising and often nerve-racking lives. And in the background, death itself was ever grinning — there were few "crimes" against the Nazis that did not call for the death penalty.

"You won't sell me, will you?"

One evening, a few hours after the tumult of an aerial bombardment on the nearby, German-controlled airbase Deelen had died down, the door which allowed access from the outside to a small cellar under the house of Willem Methorst, opened slowly and oh-so carefully. Willem, at that moment, just happened to be in the cellar; he was dumbstruck when a lad perhaps 19 or 20 years old motioned for him to come closer. The young man's head was completely shaven, the mark of the slave labourer. Pleadingly he laid his hands on Willem's shoulders and implored in broken German: "Ich bin ein Russe; Sie sollen mich doch nicht verkaufen;" f"Lanra Russiun; you won't sellme, willyou?") Willemidid not have to think long. He was moved almost to tears by the

Griyori Skriptsjenko

utter helplessness and vulnerability of his unexpected guest and made up his mind then and there to take the new arrival under his wing no matter what the consequences.

So many years after the war, it sounds like a war thriller, a story full of suspense that can hardly fail to be crowned with a happy end as so often happens in romances about the war.

In reality there were few romantic aspects to such situations, which often ended in death for both parties when they were exposed.

Willem Methorst kept the young Russian escapee, Grigori Skriptsjenko, out of the way of the other fugitives in his house. His shaven head, his lack of knowledge of the Dutch language and his broken German would have made him stand out even more than some of the Allied pilots and intelligence agents. So it was decided to lodge Grigori in the cellar and there to make life as comfortable for him as possible. Never was there a more grateful or cheerful guest than the young Russian, who had been made a prisoner of war along with thousands of others of his compatriots during the battles near Minsk in the summer of 1941 when German Panzer divisions had surrounded and cut off hundreds of thousands of Soviet soldiers.

Constant danger

Grigory sensed better than

anyone the danger in which he and his host found themselves. He remembered too well his comrades who in great numbers had perished from sheer exhaustion, hunger, or at the hands of merciless guards on the way to the German camps.

On evenings when circumstances permitted,
Grigori often strolled with
Willem to the edge of the forest a short distance away and then he motioned towards the trees saying, "Wald, wald"
("woods, woods") and when his Dutch picked up after a while, he managed to convey to his protector his desire to hide in the forest where it would be safer for all involved.

Willem and his brother
Gerard were enormously
impressed by the courage and
irrepressible will to survive
displayed by Grigori.

His moving words: "Ich bin jung — ich leben — leben" ("I am young, I [want to] live, to live") spurred them on to take the greatest risks. In the woods nearby was an underground

did not want the two brothers to worry about him. Sometimes German officers went hunting in the woods around Grigori's hiding place but he always outsmarted them. He had hidden the opening of his underground chamber with an intricately woven cover, a sort of basket made of strong twigs. It was filled with earth and a little tree was planted in it.

The Germans never found his hiding place, but Grigori could see them through a slight opening in the "roof" which was hidden by weeds and brush. Besides that, Grigori dug several manholes and changed from one to the other to minimize the chance of discovery.

Along, hard winter

But the winter was very long and Grigori became sick. His body was racked by attacks of fever and his resistance was waning.

"Ich habe angst" ("I am afraid") were his words. Then Willem and Gerard knew that it was time to bring him back to

visit by Willem or Gerard to the hideout; tracks in the snow might give away their secret.

In the previous fall, the Methorsts had hidden much of their food and provisions in a spot close to the hiding place to keep it out of German hands. They had told Grigori to use them in case of an emergency for there was always the possibility that the Methorsts would be arrested in view of their illegal activities; then what would happen to Grigori? And how were they to provide him with the essentials of life now that the snow prevented all contact?

After many weeks, the snow disappeared; one spring day, Willem and Gerard ventured into the woods to visit Grigori.

A secret signal

Both men were surprised by what they heard. As always, they signalled their approach by a faultless imitation of the call of the blue jay. That was the password they had agreed on. Grigori jumped from his hiding place on hearing the bird



Gerard and Willem Methorst: their lives risked for those in need

hideout. It had been used by army veterans, who refused to go into captivity in Germany. But they had apparently found something better.

In this dugout Grigori was installed with a small woodstove, some food and a few utensils. The Russian lad was content; he had laughed when they had left him behind for his first night in his hole in the ground. He had made a fist and said, "Angrief — angrief," (broken German for: "attack—attack"), voicing his optimism that the great Allied push, which would liberate him and his protectors, could not be long in coming.

However, along winter of oppression and hunger was to go by before freedom would come. And during that endless winter Grigori would remain unperturbed and full of good cheer. When Willem or Gerard would visit him, even before they could inquire how he was doing he told them steadfastly that everything was "prima, prima" ("first-rate") and he

the house and in the little cellar, and later in the barn, Grigori was nursed back to health through the unflagging care and attention of the two brothers and the local doctor.

As soon as he felt somewhat better, Grigori wanted to go back to his dugout and his manholes, for as we said, he knew the dangers hanging over his helpers. Since Grigori knew a little German, to pass the time, his helpers gave him some reading material, a German Dutch dictionary and a popular Dutch children's book with the story of folk hero

Winterhad broken loose in all its tury. A thick mantle of snow prevented the usual daily

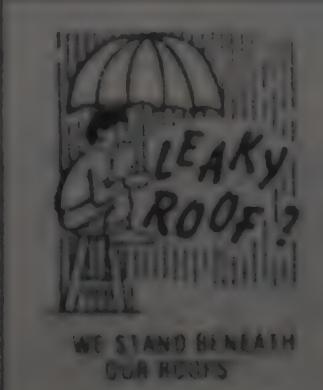
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call and answered in the same manner. And then the two brothers heard Grigori in broken Dutch recite a well-known rhyme from the Dutch children's storybook: "Prikke, Prikke opgepast, hou je rippies sterig vast...." Translated it would sound something like:

"Stretch', watch out, man; Hold on to your ribs, if you can"

The humor, despite the lurking dangers was apparent to all and for a moment or two loud laughter rose among the trees. Then it was quiet and brooding again in the woods and only nature's blue jays were to be heard.

Atlong last, on April 17, Communed on page 12...



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Pensive Dutchie Syrt Wolters

As I promised, I am going to elaborate on how I think Reformed Christian schools can be kept on the right track. I am talking from experience. I have had the privilege of being involved with Pacific Christian School in Victoria since its start in 1960. Off and on, I've served on its board and various committees.

From 1977 to 1984, a time during which our school mushroomed, the Lord permitted me to be president of our school society. In 1977 we had only slightly over 100 students. By 1984 there were five times that many! (I am not claiming that because I was president at the time, this growth came about. I only state that it was during my presidency that it happened.) Of course, I was thoroughly involved and I enjoyed it immensely. Our school had gained an excellent reputation in the community. Keeping all things in the right proportion, we must admit that the growing interest in our Christian school was to a great extent brought about by the ever increasing dissatisfaction of the community with the public school.

Evangelical Christians in particular did not at all like that God and the Scriptures were

totally ignored in the public school. Lots of people turned to the Christian school, not because such schools were so good, but because the public school was so bad.

Of course that is a totally wrong reason to enrol your children in a Christian school. That's why Pacific Christian carefully screened when parents came to have their children enrolled. I've sat on such a screening committee myself. One encounters the weirdest experiences! Once, a couple who wanted their daughter in Grade sive came before the committee. They were asked: Why do you want your child in our school? Their answer was: "Well, we think that a little bit of religion goes a long way." That made us curious, so we wanted to know whether they were Christians. "Oh, yes, of course, we are Christians," they said. To which church do you belong? "We don't belong to any church, because we are searching." When did you attend church last? "Oh, that must be about a year ago," etc. That we decided to ask them to withdraw their application for enrolment should surprise no

We found that many parents

Inter-denominational schools, Part II: How to cope with possible "dangers"

wanted to become members of the school society. The Board adopted a policy, anchored in the by-laws, that no application for membership in the society could be processed without the applicants having attended a series of "orientation sessions." On three evenings, one week apart, two kinds of "lectures" were given in order to acquaint newcomers with the history of the school, its reasons for existence, its religious and philosophical foundations, the privileges of being a member and the obligations which go with membership. This requirement is extended to all parents who have applied for the enrolment of their children. If this requirement is not met, they are told their children may not be enrolled! This policy is now about three years old. How has it worked? Excellently! It was an eye opener for many of the newcomers. Many said, "This school offers a lot more than we ever bargained for!" The result

is, that they are among the most staunch supporters of our school. They talk about it in glowing terms. By now, our school is solidly on the educational map.

When I go for a swim every morning, I often meet the Director of Teachers' Services of the Department of Education. We know each other quite well. One morning while we were in the dressing room, he said, "Syrt — how would you compare the philosophy of Pacific Christian with the philosophy of the public school?" I looked at him, kind of quizzingly, and said, "I didn't even know the public school had one!" He said, "What makes you say that?" My reply: "If I think of a public school, I think of more than 100 teachers coming into the school, each with his or her own philosophy — a mixture of the whole spectrum of philosophies." His next remark was, "You have a point there." He continued, "I know

for a fact that some deputy ministers send their children to your school; even some of our own high school teachers do so!"

At the last graduation ceremonies, Mr. Mel Smith. Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, was the speaker. Two of his children have been in our school for several years. Yes, Mr. Smith is a Baptist.

Eventually we hope to expand our policy so that every year before school starts, or shortly after, all parents, as long as they have children in our school, are required to attend a series of educational lectures. That is the only way to build a strong community which wholeheartedly supports the school. There is another reason, however, why parents should attend annual sessions. About that next time.

Syrt Wolters works Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at Barber Syrt at Valentino's, 706 View Street, Victoria, B.C. (Tel. 382-2461).

The call of the Blue Jay ... continued from page 11.

Grigori's precarious existence in the woods came to an end.
Long columns of Canadian and English tanks passed on the highway which skirted the trees. Gerard Methorst took Grigori by bicycle to the local Canadian headquarters where there was plenty to eat and the Canadians saw to it that he would be sent home.

A moving reunion

Twenty years later the
Methorsts were invited to a
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goodwill and harmony they
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in The Hague.

And as an added surprise, a free trip to Russia was awaiting them. They travelled to Simferopol in the Crimea where Grigori is living now.

There, not far from Yalta, the plane bearing two heroic Dutch couples, landed after a long



Willem Methorst (l.) meets Grigori Skriptsjenko after 20 years.

and tiring flight. But soon all weariness was forgotten. At the bottom of the ramp leading to the plane's entry door, Grigori stood with a gleam in his eye.

And — oh, what a moment — when Willem and Gerard appeared in the doorway, they mimicked again the call of the

blue jay and their joyous call rang high and clear over Grigori's head in a celebration of life and friendship. Then from below Grigori answered: "Prikke, prikke opgepast, Hou je rippies stevig vast."

They raced towards each other, meeting halfway up the stairs for the first time in 20 years. Willem's big, caloused hands almost crushed Grigori's face and he cried; and so did Gerard. Will ever the time come when all God's creatures, the mighty and the lowly, will be able to meet each other as brothers and sisters without any restrictions?

John Martens is a freelance writer and historian from Listowel, Ontario.

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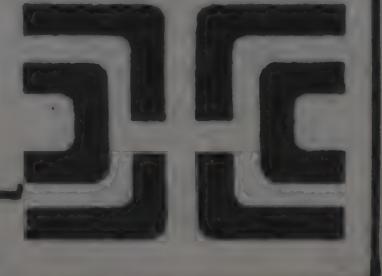
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HAMERSMA: Bob and Jayne Hamersma rejoice in the birth of a daughter, ELIZABETH ANNE, born April 20, 1986, a sister for Robbie and Virginia and a grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vellenga of Hamilton, Ont., and Mrs. W. Hamersma of Peterborough, Ont. Ps. 118:23.

Home address: P.O. Box 295, Vineland, ON LOR 2CO

VANDERPLOEG: With Joy and thankfulness to God, Peter and Judy (nee Charron) are happy to announce the birth of their daughter SHANNON JACUQE-LINE at Surrey Memorial Hospital on April 14, 1986. A granddaughter for Mr. and Mrs. Guy Charron, Richmond, B.C., and Mrs. Jacqueline (Coby) Vanderploeg of Mount Brydges, Ont., and a greatgranddaughter for Mrs. Gilbert Charron, Richmond, B.C., and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Vandereist, Mount Brydges, Ont.

Address: 7359-129th St., Surrey, B.C. V3W7B8

VERMEER: 'This is the Lord's doing, it is marvellous in our eyes." (Ps 118 23)

P.J. and Marg (nee VanderMey) thank the Lord for the sale arrival of their third child, a healthy baby boy, ALEXANDER LLOYD, on March 26, 1986, weighing 7 lb. 9 oz. The happy grandparents are: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vermeer of Grimsby, Ont., and Mrs. Nel VanderMey of Beamsville, Ont.

R.R.#3, Lincoln Ave., N., Beamsville, ON LOR 1B0

Marriages

Rose Oldejans-Peter Feddema Secure in the knowledge that through His grace which binds us together in true love, we will be Joined in marriage on Saturday, the third of May, 1966, at three o'clock in the Maranatha Chr. Ref. Church. #2, Bowmanville, Ont.

Home address: Bowmanville, RR#4, L103K5

> Calvinist Contact: Keeping the Christian community in touch.

Marriages

JONKER-VAN DER SCHAAF: Believing that the Lord has brought them together, we, John and Martha Jonker of Victoria and Hendrik and Alie Van der Schaaf of Duncan, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of our children, BRENDA LEONA and HENRY STEVEN. The wedding ceremony will take place on Friday, May 16, 1986, D.V., at 3:30 p.m., in the First CRC of Victoria. Rev. Dan Tigchelaar officiating. As parents it is our prayer that: Lord, today bless this new union. Guide them in your perfect way. With the blessings of your Spirit

Fill their lives with love and service For each other and for Thee. Grant them humble hearts when prospered,

May they walk from day to day.

Patience in adversity.

May this home they are preparing Be a place of prayer and love — Fruitful for this life and fruitful For their heavenly life above.

PIET-GUYTON: With each believing the other to be a giver of love and a sharer of sorrow, a bringer of joy and a reason for life, JANICE CORINNE and GARARD WALTER will be joined together in holy matrimony on Saturday, the third day of May, 1986, at 2:30 in the afternoon, Grace Chr. Ref. Church, Agincourt, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Maartin Piet and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Guyton.

Future address: 45 Bayview Ave., New Market, Ont.

Anniversaries

Westergeest Belleville 1986 May 16 We would like to congratulate our parents and grandparents,

RINZE and JANTJE BOSMA

on their 50th wedding anniversary. May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you.

With love:

Bob & Linda Bosma - Belleville,

Ann & Peter Koekman - Belleville, Ont. Owen & Edna Bosma - Redners-

ville, Ont. Florence & Peter Ploegman -

Inverary, Ont. Margaret & Wim Koekman - Belleville, Ont.

Tena & Joe Palumbo - Belleville, Ont.

Robert & Marianne Bosma ---Ameliasburgh, Ont.

Betty & Paul Scalfe - Foxboro,

Sandra Bosma - Richmond, B.C. 18 grandchildren and one great-

grandchild. Open house will be held on Saturday, May 17, 1986, from 2 to 4 p.m., at Parkside Village, 193 North

Park St., Belleville, Ont. Home address: Apt. #128, 193 North Park St., Belleville, ON K8P 4P1

We give thanks to our God for the 25 years of marriage given to our parents,

CHARLES and DOROTHY HELLINGA (nee Tensen)

Our prayer is for God's continued faithfulness in their lives.

Richard & Miriam Bruce & Lori Michael

To celebrate the occasion, all friends and relatives are invited to share an evening with us on Friday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. at Willowdale Chr. School (auditorium), 60 Hilda Ave., Willowdaie.

Best wishes only, please. Home address: 42 Moore Park Ave , Willowdale, ON M2M 1M9

Anniversaries

Edmonton, Broekop Alberta Langedijk 1986 1926 May 27 With much joy and thanksgiving to the Lord for His goodness, we announce the 60th wedding anniversary of our dear parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,

ARIE and SIJTJE DEBREE

It is our prayer that God will continue to bless them and keep them in His care.

Congratulations and love from your children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren:

Grace & Herman Molenkamp -Lamont, Alta.

Dorothy & Herbert Lettinga -Beachville, Ont.

Bertus & Grietje Debree - Broek op Langedijk, The Netherlands Tina & Arend Lagemaat - Leth-

bridge, Alta. Neal & Ina Debree — Calgary, Alta. Nelly & Chuck Wallish — Edmonton,

Harry & Edith Debree - Edmonton, Alta.

Sandra & Randall Huisman -Edmonton, Alta.

Emmy & Fred DeVries — Strathroy, Ont. 31 grandchildren and 10 greatgrandchildren.

Maple Ridge, B.C. Friesland 1946 May 9 With gratitude to God, we rejoice with our parents,

DURK and SIJTSKE DE JONG (nee Marinus)

as they celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

That God will continue to bless them is the prayer of their thankful children and grandchildren. Janny & Bill Beck; Melanie, Kendall,

Darryl, Philip - Grimsby, Ont. Al & Jenny De Jong; Cheryl, Richard, Mark, Billy, Paul, Timothy -

Maple Ridge, B.C. Alice & Nico Jukema; Duane, Derek, Cynthia - Beachville, Ont.

Siegfried & Janny De Jong; Matthew, Janna, Jordan - Matsqui, B.C. Margaret & Jim Oosterhof; Donna,

Jody - Matsqui, B.C. We will be celebrating the occasion this summer on July 4, 1986, in the Hammond Recreation

Hall at 7:30 p.m. Best wishes only, please. Home address: 20691 Dewdney Trunk Rd., Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X

Port Colborne, Ilderton, Ont. 1961 May 3 1986 Wedding text: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1&2)

The Lord willing, on May 3, 1986, we hope to celebrate the 25th anniversary of our parents,

GEERT and JITSKE HORINGA (nee Kingma)

wish them continued happiness in the years to come. Congratulations and love from: Albert

Barbara Anita James Bernice Marlene

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Michael Jeanette & Barry Belgrade and daughter

Shirley & Theo Mass and children Open house to be held on Saturday, May 3, 1986, at Bethel Harmony Hall, from 1-3.30 p.m. at 2725 Chippawa Rd., R.R.#3, Port Colborne, Ont.

Home address: 2792 Chippawa Rd., R.R. #3, Port Colborne, ON L3K 5V5

> C.C. makes a nice gift!

Anniversaries

Calgary, Alta. Ruinerwold (Dr.) May 17 Our privilege, with praise and thanksgiving to God to announce the 25th wedding anniversary of our parents,

HERMAN and JENNY DROST (nee Hummel)

Congratulations and love from their children: Robert James Andrew Timothy

— both at home Home address: 3319-46 St. S.W., Calgary, ABT3E3W9

May 15 1946 With praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father, D.V., we hope to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of our dear parents and grandparents,

WILLEM and MAAIKE HAAN (nee Couperus)

It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless and keep them in His loving care for many years to come.

Ann - Willowbeach Tena — Toronto

Jane & Archie; Marcia, Jason, Aaron - Port Hope

An open house will be held on Saturday, May 17, 1986, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Hebron CRC in Whitby.

Best wishes only. Home address: 71 Elizabeth Crt., Whitby, ONL1N3R8

Mount Hope, Rinsumageest, Ont. To commemorate the anniversary of our wedding, 40 years ago, on May 7, 1946, we would like to take this opportunity to thank God for His many blessings. The gift of all our children:

Sidney Ida & Paul Henry & Lynne Shirley John

Wilma & Bill Grandchildren, which are a special joy to us:

Paul, Karen, Kristi, Patti, Stephanie, Julie, Aimie, Lori and James.

For the special moments of joy He has kindly granted us in our relatives and friends.

The special gift of each other, for this we are especially grateful. The most precious gift of all, His son, Jesus Christ.

For all this and much more, we praise Him and His wisdom. PETER and MAAIKE HOLTROP

3234 Homestead Dr., P.O. Box 136, Mount Hope, ON LOR 1W0

(nee VanderZwaag)

St. Thomas Brampton 1986 1956 May 12 We thank and praise God for the opportunity to celebrate the 30th anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

> PETERandTINAMEYER (nee De Zoete)

The Lord has blessed them with many happy years together, and we thank Him for giving us such wonderful parents. Congratulations, Mom and Dad, we pray that the Lord will bless you and keep you, make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. With love from your children and

grandchildren: -Annette & Lyall; Chelsea, Cedric - Grand Rapids, MI

John - San Jose, CA Norman - St. Thomas Ruy - St Thomas Yolanda - St. Thomas Home address 340 Elm St. St. Thomas ON N5R 1J8

Anniversgries

Brampton, Ont. Raard. Canada The Netherlands 1986 May 8 1946 With praise and thanksgiving to our heavenly Father, the Lord willing, we hope to celebrate the 40th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

EDWARD and **JEANETTE** HUIZINGA (nee Vander Meulen)

Wedding text: "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish thou it." (Psalm 90:17)

It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless and keep you in His loving care in the days that lie ahead as He has done in the past. With love and congratulations from your children and grand-

children: Fran & Hank Bouwers; Ron, Jeff, Deborah, Christina — Brampton Gilbert & Helen Huizinga; Ken, Steven, Gregory — Belleville

Betty & Rienk Barwegen; Tracy, Kevin, Jason, Julie - Glen Williams

Anne & Gary Oosterhuis; Michael, Gary Jr. - Holland Marsh

Harry & Emmie Huizinga; Jeremy, Neil - Caledon Catherine & Stuart Oosterhuis;

Kimberly, Robert, Douglas -Holland Marsh Linda & Art Large; Jennifer, Mary,

Lisa - Bramalea Sylvia & Steve Booy; David, Derek, Joshua - Woodstock

Louise & Arend Maas; Sara, Matthew - Brampton Edward Jr. — at home Home address: 34 Royce Ave.,

Brampton, ON L6Y 1J5

Spencerville, Ont. Doetinchem 1941 May 9

GERRIT and HENDRIKA LUIMES (nee Jansen) 45th wedding anniversary.

"If thy presence will not go with us, do not carry us up from here." (Exodus 33:15)

With thankfulness to God, for the love and protection He has shown to our family, we rejoice with our parents on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary. May the Lord continue to bless and keep them in the years to come.

With love from their children: Henk & Jane Luimes; Mark, Brian,

Lisa, Paul - Ottawa, Ont. Wilma & Albert Mulder; Michelle, Michael - Ottawa, Ont.

John & Jeannie Luimes; Steven, Kevin, David - Willowdale, Ont. Bill & Bonnie Lulmes; Julie, Tracey - Ottawa, Ont.

Jack & Joyce Luimes; Glen, Vickie -- Ottawa, Ont. Tom & Greta Luimes; Shannon,

Shawn - Kanata, Ont. Albert & Carolyn Lulmes; Timothy, Jonathon, Matthew - Rentrew, Ont.

Ed Luimes - Otlawa Ont There will be a reception on May 9, 1986, in the Matilda Township Hall, Dixons Corners at 8.00 p.m. Best wishes only, please. Correspondence address: R.R.#3,

Accommodation

Spencerville, ON K0E 1X0

Accommodation for Expo'88 Abbotsford, B.C. CRC families offer bed and breakfast to Expo 86 visitors. Space for R.V.'s available. Proceeds to the Abbotstord Chr. School Fire Fund. Reservations required Call or write. Mrs. R.J. Wagenaar, 522 McCallum Rd. Abbetsford, B.C. V2S 4N5; phone (604) 853 2564 or Mrs. G. Bosch, 2066 McMillan Rd., Abbotsford, B.C. V25 4Y2; phone: (604) 850-9711

Anniversaries

With joy and thanksgiving to Godwe wish to sinhounce the 45th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents.

> JAMES and WILMA LYCKLAMAANYEHOLT (nee Boonstra)

on May 15, 1986.

God has blessed you in the past and we ask for His continued blessings and guidance in the years ahead.

With love from your children and grandchildren:

Whip & Winnie Lycklama: Lisa, Laura, Michael, David - Burling ton, Ont.

Heinz & Gerda Lycklama; Audrey, Wendy, James, Susan, Ralph -Northridge, Calif.

John & Phyllis Lycklama; Michael, Julie, Kevin - Vancouver, Wash. Peter & Bernice Lycklama; Sonja, Joel, Benjamin, Cameron -Calgary, Alta.

David & Sharon Lycklama; Brenda, Becky, Brian - Grandville, Mich. Jack & Jackie Lycklama; Jason, Jonathan, Joshua - Red Deer, Alta.

Will & Diana Jorritsma; Mark, David, Daniel, Paul, Catrina -Burlington, Ont.

Gerry & Wilma Visser; Curtis, Stacey, Jordan - Ancaster, Ont. Ed & Karen Lycklama - Toronto, Ont.

We invite you to celebrate this joyous occasion at an open house, Saturday, May 17, 1986, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Trinity Chr. School, 650 Walkers Line, Burlington, Ont. Home address: 705-3020 Glencrest

Enschede Ottawa May 15 1986 Wedding text: Psalm 121 "I lift up my eyes to the hills Where does my help come from?

Rd., Burlington, ON L7N 2H2

The Maker of heaven and earth." With thanksgiving to God, we joyfully announce the 50th wedding

anniversary of our dear parents

My help comes from the Lord

JOHAN and SIEMKJE ODINK (nee Roffel)

May the Lord bless and keep you both!

Congratulations and love from your children and grandchildren. Anita & Peter Vandesande — Ottawa.

Ont. Diana — Ottawa

and grandparents,

Peter - Nepean Betty & John Drent — Kinburn, Ont. Todd & Lori — Kinburn

Carl & BJ — Kingston Gary & Anne; Terrence, Jason -

Dunrobin, Ont.

Willi & Paul Scharf; James, Tara Lynn - Nepean, Ont. John & Simone; Julie, Sophie,

Joshua, Simon - Mountain, Ont. Joan & Ralph Wilkie; Travis, Andrew - Russell, Ont.

Due to recent illnesses we will celebrate quietly with a family dinner. We invite you to share this happy occasion with us in offering your prayers and best wishes. Home address:220 Viewmount Dr., #303, Nepean, ON K2E7M5

For Sale

Van Toen en Nu een gezellig dichtbundeltje, met knipsels van de auteur Lini R. Grol. Stuur \$5.50 + \$1.00 voor post naar Lini R. Grol, 1431 Pelham St., Fonthill, ON LOS 1E0

For sale in Strathroy, Ont.: Bakery, European-style pastries, imports and meats. A nice family project with a good return. Easy terms. Owner has other interests but is willing to train new owner. Phone: (519) 245-5450 eve.; (519) 264-2638 days.

Anniversaries





Congratulations to Heinze and Pietje Mulder (nee De Jong) who will

celebrate, D.V., their 50th wedding anniversary on May 14, 1986.

Medicine Hat, Bergum, Friesland Alberta 1936 May 14 1986 With praise and thanksgiving to our Lord, we wish to announce the 50th wedding anniversary of our edear parents and grandparents,

> HEINZE and PIETJE MULDER (nee De Jong)

May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you.

With love from their children and grandchildren:

Harry Mulder — Medicine Hat, Alta. Trinus & Nel Mulder; Brian, David, Donna, Brenda — Medicine Hat. Alta.

Harm & Linda Mulder; Cheryl, Curtis, Connie - Stony Plain, Alta.

Joe & Marlene Mulder; Kristine, Nathan - Edmonton, Alta. Open house at the Senior Citizen Drop-in Centre: 22 Main St., S., Redcliff, Alta., on Saturday, May 17, 1986, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Home address: 433 4th St., N.W.,

Medicine Hat, ABT1A6M9

With thankfulness to the Lord, we wish to announce the 40th wedding anniversary of our parents,

> JOHN and MARY PYPER (nee Norden)

on Thursday, May 22, 1986. With love from their children and grandchildren:

Tom & Diane Pyper; Elaine, Tom, Linda - Windsor, Ont.

Menno & Audrey Pyper; Cindy, Jason — Richmond Hill, Ont. Harry & Pat Pyper; John - Mississauga, Ont.

Sonja & Rommie Vanderboor; Mike, Andrew, Kevin, Christopher -Richmond Hill, Ont.

John & Heather Pyper; Jackie, Sean - Concord, Ont. Bert & Janet Pyper; Scarborough,

Ont. An open house will be held on Saturday, May 17th from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m., in the Willowdale Chr. Ref. Church, 70 Hilda Ave., Willowdale.

1951 1986 "Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving." (Ps. 95:2) On May 17, 1986, we hope to remember with our children and grandchildren how the Lord has blessed, kept and enriched us during 35 years of marriage.

WILLIAM and AUDREY RANG (nee Bruinink)

Mac & Rita Demmer; Mark, Daniel, Matthew - Whitby, Ont.

Hans & Debbie Bulk; Nicole, Kristen, Paul, Danielle; Brentwood Bay, B.C.

John & Wendy Bakker; Rachel — Oshawa, Ont.

Doug & Elly Adams; Andrew, Kevin - Burlington, Ont. Lloyd Rang — Burlington, Ont. 120 Kneider Ave., Dunnville, ON

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Strathroy 1961 With joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, we hope to celebrate the 25th



Congratulations to Folkert and Jeltje Visser (nee van der Veen) who will celebrate, D.V., their 50th wedding anniversary on May 14, 1986.

Oudega Sm., Clinton, Friesland Ont. 1936 May 9 1986 "My presence will go with you and I will give you rest. And He said to him, 'If thy presence will not go with me do not carry us up from here." (Ex. 33:14,15)

With thankfulness to God, we celebrate the Golden anniversary of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,

> SIDNEY (Tjeerd) and CATHERINE (Trijntje) SLOTEGRAAF (nee De Jong)

Hilda & Alex Livingstone; Catherine, Michael, Nathan, Teresa, Anita, Timothy — Cambridge

John & Barb Slotegraaf; Diane, Donna, Darlene, John Jr. -Cambridge

Ann & Ray Dedman; Sheryl, Douglas - New Dundee

Henry & Ann Slotegraaf; Lisa, Nancy, Patricia, Stephen -Clinton

Paul & Mary Slotegraaf; Eric, Christopher, Todd - Hudsonville, Mich.

Sweitze & Cindy Slotegraaf; Elaine, Sharon, David - Cambridge

Jacob & Peggy Slotegraaf; Jacqueline, Laurie, Jennifer, Allison, Chad, Kerri — Clinton

William & Jeannette Slotegraaf; Michelle, Ryan, Jeremy -Lucknow

Margaret & Alfred Dykstra; Jayne, Lynda, Lorraine, Bryan, Caroline - Clinton

Sandra & Neal Hegeman; Jonathan, Katrina — Dominican Rep.

Susan & Wayne Boland; Kirstine, Karla, Joseph, Kelly - Clinton Peter & Mary Slotegraaf; Emily, Lucanus, Sarah — Clinton

plus five great-grandchildren Open house May 10, 1986, 7:30 p.m., Clinton and District Chr. School auditorium, 243 Princess St., E., Clinton.

Home address: Box 1381, 208 Queen St., Clinton, ON NOM 1L0

Owen Sound Oenkerk 1986 May 14 Wedding text: Psalm 121:7,8. We thank God for the special occasion of our parents' 50th wedding anniversary. "To God be the glory." **FOLKERT and JELTJE VISSER**

Anniversaries

May 5

wedding anniversary of our dear

FRANK and JANE VANDERHEIDE

(nee/Feddema)

May the Lord bless and keep you

and give you many more years.

Congratulations Mom and Dad.

with love from your children:

There will be an open house on May

parents.

together.

John & Pauline

Rick - athome

Joanne - athome

Frieda & John

Strathroy

(nee van der Veen)

It is our prayer that God will continue to bless them. With love from your children,

grandchildren and greatgrandson. Marten & Betty Visser — Chatham

Pat & Bart van Sligtenhorst; Gerald, Rick, Fred, Janice, Michael -Tara Sylvia & Wayne Downs; Curtis,

Trever, Kim — Edmonton, Alta. Dick & Marie Visser; Ricky, Natalie - Cambridge

George & Carolyn Visser; Shannon, Pat, Christine, Michele - Cambridge

Shirley Visser — Edmonton, Alta. A come-and-go tea will be held at their apartment on Saturday, May 10, 1986, D.V., from 2 to 5 p.m.

Best wishes only, please. Home address: Broadview Courts, #6-2090 9th Ave., East, Owen Sound, ON N4K3H2

Wijster St. Catharines 1941 May 3 1986

SIDNEY and HILDA VELDSTRA (nee Gort)

With thanksgiving to God we share in the joy of our parents as they celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary.

May God bless and keep you together in His care.

With love and best wishes:

Richard & Jetty Veldstra; Michelle, David, Julie, Melissa - London, Ont.

Maria & Allan Smedes; Diana, Terence, Sophia, Anne-Marie — Kingston, Ont.

Harry & Johanna Veldstra; Simeon, Carolyn, Aaron - Waterdown, Ont.

Marsha & Robert Burghgraef; Frans, Heidi - Puslinch, Ont.

Anniversaries

ISAAC and ELIZABETH TANGE May 2 1986

With thankfulness to our Lord, we rejoice with our parents, in their 45th wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless them and keep them in the years to come. With love from their children and

Minnie & John Teertstra; Annette. Peter, Steve - Carrying Place, Ont Jane & Henry Hengeveld; Chris. Michael, Robert, David - Willow dale, Ont.

grandchildren:

Ike & Bonnie Tange, Paula, Mitch. Angle - Carrying Place, Ont. Home address: R.R.#2, Carrying Place, ON KOK 1LO

May 11, 1951

We would like to wish our parents and grandparents the Lord's blessing on their 35th wedding anniversary,

> HENK and DAISY VROOM (nee Postma)

Jeannette Vroom -- Bowmanville-

Ont. Arne & Karen Vroom; Rochelle, Eric, Nicholas - Grand Rapids,

Pierre & Ingrid Vroom — Thunder Bay, Ont.

Neill Vroom & Eleanor Vandermeer (fiancee) - Thamesford, Ont.

Patricia & David Nieuwsma; Joshua. Benjamin, Luke - Richland, WA Hank Vroom Jr. - Lethbridge, Alta. Eric Vroom & Leslee Kaake (fiancee) - Chatham, Ont.

Kirsten Vroom - Cedar Springs, Ont.

Chantelle Vroom - Chatham, Ont. Home address: 73 Amelia St., Chatham, ON N7L 2B7

Opperdoes Ancaster May 14 1986 With joy and thankfulness to our Lord, we are happy to announce the 50th wedding anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

> JACOB and GEPKE VYN (nee Bosma)

We pray that the Lord will bless you and keep you in His care.

With love from your children: Ralph & Joyce Vyn - Ancaster Sidney & Annette De Groot -Ancaster

Pete & Mary Vyn - Ancaster Klaas & Wilma Klaver — Ancaster Rene & Dorothy de Kok - Ancaster Hank & Nellie Vyn - Ancaster Harry & Thea Wiersma — Ancaster Annie Vyn — Toronto

Martin & Anne Vyn — Mount Hope and 29 grandchildren

Open house on May 14, from 7-9 p.m., at the Ancaster Chr. Ref. Church, 70 Highway #53 East (near Fiddlers Green Rd.) Home address: 446 Highway #53

W., R.R.#1, Ancaster, ON L9G 3K9

May 23 1986 "Apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

HAROLD and MARGARET WOUDSTRA (nee VanderWal)

We rejoice with you and are so very grateful for what God has done in and through your lives. You are precious to Him and to us. Your children and grandchildren: John & Bonnie; Melissa, Katie

Keith & Cindy; Matthew, Christopher Congratulations!

Personals

If there are any Christian men, 30-50, in the Niagara area interested in taking ballroom dancing lessons but need a partner, please write Box #2421, Calvinist Contact, 99 Niagara St., St. Catharines, ON L2R4L3

Anniversaries

Brinston Dieren 1986 1936 "In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and His children shall have a place of refuge." (Prov. 14:26)

With praise and thankfulness for all God's goodness and faithfulness we, the children, like to announce the 50th wedding anniversary of our parents,

FREDERIKA. and JOHANNAW. ZANDBERGEN (nee Kappers)

on May 14, 1986, D.V.

The last few years have not been easy, and we pray that God's love will continue to surround you. With all our love:

Janny & Arle Geurkink;

Jack & Yvonne Nancy & John

Ray & Allison (girlfriend)

Mike Shawn

- Iroquois, Ont.

Freda & Harold Tibben;

Stan & Patty (fiancee)

Jeff

Dawn Brent

- Iroquois, Ont.

Henry & Henny Zandbergen; Albert & Cindy (girlfriend) Wanda & Wes (fiance)

Ronald - Brinston, Ont.

Dini & Nick Frans;

Beverly

Marian

Rodney - Edmonton, Alta.

Alice & Jim Van Doorn;

Jacinda

Albert

Carla

Jamie

- Stittsville, Ont.

Richard & Yettie Zandbergen; Nelson

Scott

Suzanne Rebecca

- Iroquois, Ont.

Bill & Coby Zandbergen;

Laura Sandra

Bradly Dwayne

Rachel

- Brinston, Ont.

Fred & Mattie Zandbergen;

Andrea

Jason

Alison Vicki

- Brinston, Ont.

John & Theresa Zandbergen; Darlene

Tanya

- Brinston, Ont.

Jo-Ann & Bill Hoftyzer;

Stuart Eileen

Kathryn

- Spencerville, Ont.

Greatgrandchildren: Jessica and Michelle Geurkink

Pamela, Jonathan, Kimberly,

Kevin, Lindsey DeJong Home address: R.R.#2, Brinston,

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Chalet in the Georgian Bay area. Beautiful view overlooking the bay and the Beaver Valley. Quiet and secluded area. Fully furnished, 2 bedroom, living room with 2 bed chesterfields, 2.3 pc. bathrooms and kitchen. Approximately 20 min. from Collingwood CRC. Available for weekends or by the week during April and May, After that by week only. Ecrimore details write: Roger Dykstra, R.R. 12, Box 7, Clarksburg. ONINOMITIO/(599) 599-3789.

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Congratulations to Frederik and Johanna Zandbergen (nee Kappers) who will celebrate, D.V., their 50th wedding anniversary on May 14, 1986.



Congratulations to Ray and Susan Wymenga (nee Sibma) who will celebrate, D.V., their 50th wedding anniversary on May 14, 1986.

St. Thomas Garyp 1986 1936 May 14 "He is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does he prospers." (Wedding text Ps. 1:3) It is with joy and thanksgiving to the Lord that we celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of our parents, grandparents and greatgrandparents,

RAY and SUSAN WYMENGA (nee Sibma)

May the Lord continue to keep them in His care and bless them in the years to come.

Their loving children and grandchildren:

Lou Dykxhoorn - Springfield, Ont. Charlie & Irene

George & Marjorie Steenbergen Roy, Lawrence

Margaret & Harry VanderKloet; Patricia, Geoff, Sonja, Heather, Melanie, Jessica - Kentville,

Dear great-grandparents of Daniel and Sandra Dykxhoorn and Crystal, Kalvin and Jamie | The Mission Circle of First Chr. Steenbergen.

Best wishes only, please. Home address: 154 First Ave., St. Thomas, ON N5R4P3

Business

Evangelistic materials in Arabic. Also, a handbook in English, The Bible & Islam (\$1.95). Arabic Ministry, The Back to God Hour, P.O. Box 5070, Burlington, ON L7R 3Y8.

Obituaries

On April 11, after a long sickness,

the Lord called home our beloved

JANTJE BEBINGH

(nee Krale)

the fam. Duinkerken-Krale -

the fam. Hiemstra-Krale -

the fam. De Sain-Krale - Amers-

the fam. Prinsen-Krale - Dedems-

the fam. Kuik-Krale - Dedemsvaart

On Sunday, April 6, the Lord took

unto Himself Into His eternal glory,

Miss WILHELMINA BLOM

She will be sadly missed by her

Business

the fam. Krale-Otter - Petrolia

the fam. Snyder-Krale - Zwolle

the fam. Krale-Zweers — Zwolle

sister, sister-in-law and aunt,

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ADRIAN CORNELISSE

May the Lord be with them and give them comfort in this time of sorrow. Psalm 84.

On Sunday, April 20, the Lord called home our friend and faithful member,

BEREND JAN KLOOSTERZIEL

at the age of 80 years. We pray that the Lord will comfort his wife Nel and the children John and Wilma and their children. The Golden Age Club of Clarkson, Ont.

On Saturday, April 19, the Lord took unto Himself our dear friend,

ANNA KUIKEN

at the age of 82.

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:36)

May the Lord comfort the children and their families. We will miss Anna.

Jelte & Gé Posthumus

On April 1, 1986, the Lord called home His faithful servant,

Rev. DIRKJ.M. LIEVERDINK age 53, pastor of Aetna Chr. Ref.

Church, Falmouth, Michigan. Beloved husband of Idamae (nee Koster).

Dearfather of:

Derek, Natalie, Timothy and Michelle. Dear son of Mrs. Grada Lleverdink, Iroquois. Also survived by two sisters: Mrs. Peter Swank (Ada) and Mrs. William Westendorp (Margriet). Predeceased by his father Derk Lieverdink in 1975 and his brother Arend Lieverdink in 1985.

Funeral services were held in Aetna CRC with Rev. J. Morren officiating and in Grand Rapids with Rev. M. Doornbos officiating. Above all he loved the Lord's Kingdom.

"As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children - with those who keep His covenant and remember to obey His precepts." (Ps. 103:15-18)

After six weeks of being in a coma, the Lord called into paradise at 3 p.m. on Good Friday, 1985, his son,

GEORGENEUTEL

in the 41st year of his life. Predeceased by his wife Jane, February 17, 1986.

We lovingly remember them both.

Children: Denise, Julie, Ryan, Amy House parents: Art and Grace Suk. Mother: Ruth Neutel Brothers and sisters: Harry & Deet Neutel Albert & Jane Neutel Gladys & Joe Baart Helen & Brian Boertjes Walter & Ineke Neutel Alice & Bob Proper Margaret & Nick Vandyk 32 nieces and nephews The luneral was held on Monday, March 30, at the Calvin Chr Ret Church, Ottawa, Ont. The service was conducted by pastor John Kersies 948 Parkhurst St., Ollawa, ON K2A

Obitagries

"And hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)

On Saturday, April 19, 1986, the Lord took home our dearly beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother,

TEUNTJE VAN DEN BOOGAARD (nee Smaal)

at the age of 77 years.

She will be sadly missed by her husband: Adrianus Willem van den Boogaard

and families: Adrian & Diny van den Boogaard;

Wilma & Rob (fiance) Antoinette, Marcel, John

Marianne Adrian & Wendy; Timothy, Kaitlin Grace & Peter; Ryan

Maaike & Anthonie Langenberg;

Adrie & Harm Veldman; Wilma & Tony

Andrew, John Mels & Anna van den Boogaard; Teresa, Lori

Kees & Joanne van den Boogaard; Mary, Tanya

She is survived by a brother Teunus Smaal in The Netherlands. The funeral service was held on

Tuesday, April 22, 1986, in the Grace Chr. Ref. Church of Welland, Ont., with Rev. Sieds Van der Meer officiating.

Home address: R.R.#3, Port Colborne, ON L3K5V5

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life ... will be able to separate us from the love of God, that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:37ff)

On Friday, April 18, 1986, the Lord in His wisdom, took home to be with Him, His dear child,

WINNIE VANDENDOOL (nee Renkema)

at the age of 40 years. May our gracious God and Father

comfort and strengthen her loving husband Tony and children: Stephen, Charlene, Paul Always remembered by her family:

Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Renkema - Woodstock, Ont. Margaret & Bill Horinga - Wood-

stock, Ont. Corrie & Ross Clark - Neustadt, Ont. Garma & John Markus - Beachville,

Bert & Linda Renkema - Londesboro, Ont. Albert & Christine Renkema -

Embro, Ont. Ralph & Shirley Renkema - Woodstock, Ont.

Mr. & Mrs. A. VandenDool - Clinton, Ont.

Mary & Albert Buffinga - Londesboro, Ont. Bert & Joan Vanden Dool - Londes-

boro, Ont. and 22 nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was held on April 21, 1986, at 2 p.m. in the Chr. Ref. Church of Clinton, Ont., Rev. H. Samplonius and Rev. Bernard DeJong officiating. Home address: R.R.#4, Clinton, ON

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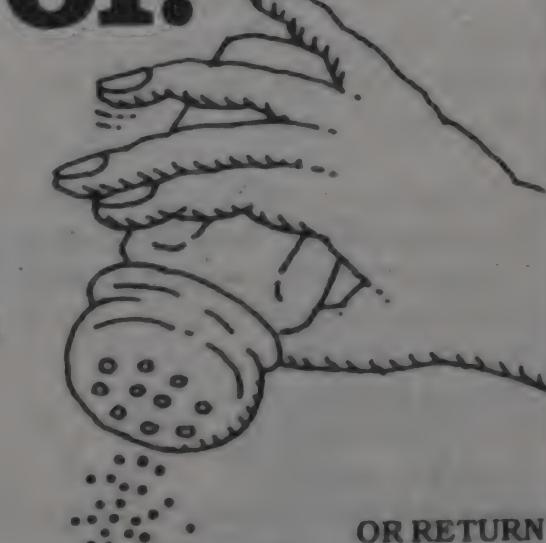
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Teachers

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CAMBRIDGE: Cambridge Chr. School Invites applicants for a fulltime remedial teacher. Send letter of application and resume to Peter Van Dyken, Principal, Cambridge Chr. School, 191 Myers Rd., Cambridge, N1R 7H3. Call: (519) 623 2261.

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HAMILTON:

Thank you applicants!

We want to thank the many teacher applicants who considered Calvin Chr. School of Hamilton as a possible place of employment for next term. Whatever your motives - desperation or desire - we appreciate your correspondence. This year's staff is planning to return for next term. No materialized. Keep vacancies hoping and watch this column for exciting possibilities for 1987/88.

W.H. Hultink, Principal

Teachers

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Teachers

SARNIA: Lambton Christian High School solicits applications for a teaching vacancy in mathematics/ computer and a science teacher. Please send applications including qualifications, experience and references to: Mr. W. Drost, Principal, c/o Lambton Christian High School at 295 Essex St., Sarnia, ON N7T 4S3. Telephone: area code (519) 337-9122.

Christian School invites applications for an opening for teaching principal, grade 7 & 8, also teacher for grades 3, 4 & 5 or 1, 2 & 3. Please send resume to Chairman of the Board, Sid Vanderheide, R.R.#2, Mitchell, ON NOK 1NO or phone (519) 393-5520.

Summer Job Market

ACTON: A responsible 16 year old would like to work on a dairy farm. Has prior working experience. Is presently attending Toronto District Chr. School. Please call (519) 853-0758 and ask for Anthony Looyenga.

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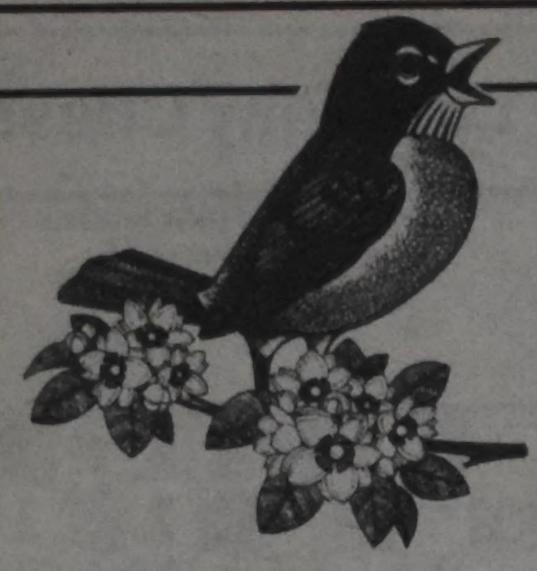
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HAMILTON: Hi! My name is Wendy. I'm 17 years old and seeking summer employment anywhere in Ontario. I have experience working on a nursery farm, babysitting, house cleaning and much more. I'm willing to learn any other type of work offered to me. I'll be available anytime after June 28th. You can write me, Wendy Kapteyn, c/o Mr. and Mrs. Nienhuis, 521 Stone Church Rd., West, Hamilton, ON L9B 1A5, or call collect at 416-383-7780.

LINDSAY: 15-year-old boy looking for summer employment (any kind, 705-324-9956. Tim Veltman, R.R.#6, Lindsay, ON K9V 4R6

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LUCKNOW: I am 16 years old and looking for a job on a farm. Experienced in general farm work and enjoy working around machinery. I would prefer to work on a dairy farm. I live near Lucknow. Call 519-395-5316 and ask for Ed.

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Summer Job Market

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SEAFORTH: Hi! I'm a grade 11, 17-year-oid student seeking summer employment relating to garden or greenhouse work or doing odd jobs around the place. Please write to Harvey Van de Ban, R.R.#1, Seaforth, ON NOK 1WO or telephone at (519) 527-0705.

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THAMESFORD: 18-year-old male student with driver's licence looking for summer employment. Has experience in sales, dairy and poultry farming. Please contact Roger Amsinga at 285-5217 or write to me at R.R.#4, Thamesford, ON NOM 2M0

Summer Job Market

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WOODSTOCK: 16-year-old boy seeking a summer job. Have experience on the farm with pigs and chickens. Will learn other. Could also work in the greenhouse; I have a green thumb. Contact Tom Matter at (519) 467-5202 or write R.R.#5, Woodstock, ON N4S 7V9.

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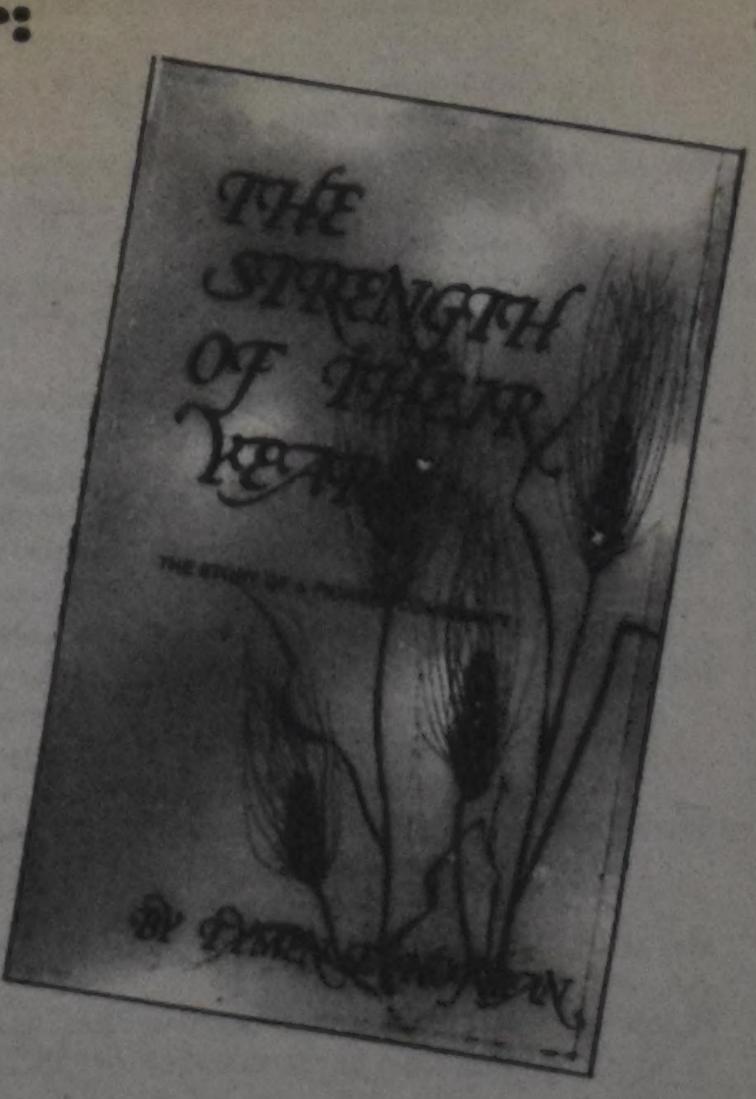
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May 3 Organ recital by Andre Knevel in the Guelph Reformed Church,

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May 3 Annual General Membership Meeting of the Institute for Chr. Studies at 229 College St., 4th Floor, Toronto, Ont., at 2 p.m., Speaker: Dr. Ian Rennie on "The ICS and Canadian Church History."

May 3 Organ recital featuring the blind, young organist John Vander Tuin at 8:15 p.m. in Central Presbyterian Church (corner Charlton & Caroline), Hamilton, Ont. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door. Sponsored by the Royal Canadian College of Organists, Hamilton Centre.

May 3 Organ Recital by the blind organist John Vander Tuin at 8 p.m.,

in Central Presb. Church, Charlton & Caroline, Hamilton, Ont. Spring Concert by St. Thomas & District Male Choir May 4 "'Crescendo" in Knox Presby. Church, Hincks St., St. Thomas,

Ont., at 8 p.m.

May 10

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May 21

May 5-15 Psalter Hymnal Study Conferences to familiarize CRC members with the Psalms and Bible songs will be held:

May 5: Third CRC, Edmonton, Alta., at 7 p.m. May 6: CRC of Coquitlam, B.C., at 7 p.m.

May 13: Maranatha CRC (Hwy 59 & 401), Woodstock, Ont., at 7 p.m. This conference was formerly scheduled for May 14. Please note date change!!!

May 15: Calvin CRC, Ottawa, Ont., at 7 p.m.

May 7 Ladies of Quinte Region will host a convention at the Ambassador Motel, Kingston, Ont., starting at 9:30 a.m. Speaker: Rev. John Visser. Topic: "Rejoice and wait upon the Lord." Judy Foster of Women Alive will speak in the afternoon. Cost: \$10.00. For info. call Shirley Tadema at (613) 384-3431.

Niagara League SWIM reunion banquet, 6:30 p.m., at the CRC, May 9 Jarvis, Ont. RSVP: Annette Vander Molen (519) 735-6119.

May 10-11 Concert by Christian Choir "New Life" of St. Catharines and "Adoramus-Maranatha Choir" of York and Hamilton (classical favourites, negro spirituals, and more).

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May 16-19 Twelfth All-Ontario Y.C. Convention. Theme: "Trust and be Free." At Queen's University, Kingston, Ont. For registration contact your league secretary.

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Hollandse dag 1986 in de York CRC op 28 mei a.s. D.V., May 28 aanvang 10 uur.

Special farewell service for the Rev. Bastiaan Nederlof (retiring May 30 from active ministry) at the First CRC, Victoria, B.C.

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June 7 anniversary. Sports events from 2:30-4:30. Evening program begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information contact the office at R.R.#1, Breslau, ON NOB 1MO. Tel. (519) 648-2771. Hollandse Dag in Moorefield Park. Starts at 10 a.m. Speaker: June 11

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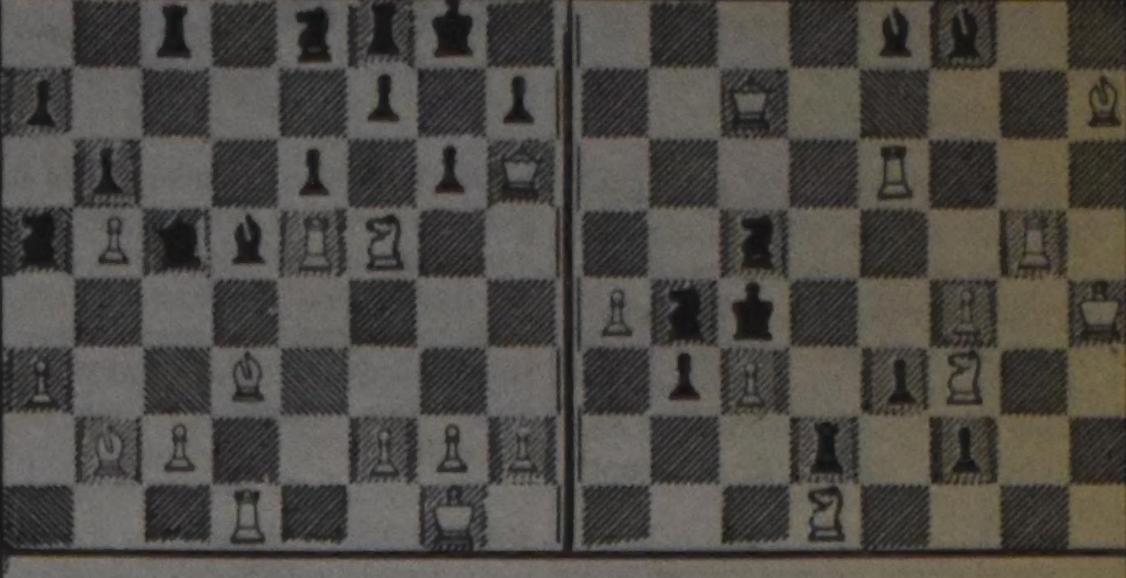
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announce the retirement from active ministry of

Rev. Bastiaan Nederlof

after 43 years of faithful service to our Lord and His church, in Holland, the United States and Canada. With gratitude to our heavenly Father, we extend our love and

appreciation to Rev. Nederlof and his wife Roelie, and wish them many happy years in their retirement. May the Lord bless you and keep you.

A special farewell service is planned for May 30, 1986, D.V., in the First CRC of Victoria.



Dutch

Persoverzicht

Carl D. Tuyl

een makkelijke dagen voor onze prime minister! Allereerst wonnen de Liberalen de provinciale verkiezingen in Prince Edward Island. ledereen is het er over eens dat het resultaat van die verkiezing een boodschap geadresseerd aan Ottawa was: En dat is al de derde provincie waar dat gebeurde. Canadezen willen blijkbaar geen aan Ottawa bijpassende provinciale regering.

En dan was er de spanning rondom de tarievenonderhandelingen. Het geharrewar in Washington is wat duidelijker geworden. Het blijkt nu wel dat de Senators van het Komité voor Financiën het niet zo zeer gemunt hadden op Canada als wel op hun eigen president die aan het proberen is om in de onderhandelingen het Amerikaanse Congres te omzeilen.

Het is eigenlijk hetzelfde heibeltje dat zich ook hier afgespeeld heeft toen de provinciale premiers er op stonden dat zij in de komende onderhandelingen gekend zouden worden. Ten tijde van dit schrijven zat de spanning er nog in. De betreffende Senators worden van allerwegen benaderd om alsnog hun tegenstand te laten varen. Reken maar dat er druk op die heren wordt uitgeoefend.

n dan is er ten derde de Libya affairre. Mulroney heeft er natuurlijk op gereageerd. Voorzichtigjes om het zo maar 's te zeggen. Iedereen in de wereld heeft zich nu een opinie gevormd over die zaak, en ik bedoel iedereen. Zelfs onze postbode dient ons gratis en voor niemendal met zijn kommentaar. Ik had liever dat hij

de post wat vlugger bezorgde maar dat is misschien wel wat teveel gevraagd.

Ondertussen zit ondergetekende nog met het geval in de maag. Natuurlijk moest er wat gedaan worden! Maar had het niet voorkomen kunnen worden dat kinderen er het slachtoffer van werden?

e kunnen nu ook definitief de politieke carrière van de heer Nunziata gedag wuiven. Kamerlid Nunziata heeft opmerkingen gemaakt die twijfel zaaiden omtrent het beleid van John Turner. Zoiets doet men niet ongestraft in de Liberale partij.

Het was verder nogal rustig in Ottawa. De politieke komkommertijd is begonnen. Er was meer te doen in de pers met buitenlands nieuws.

Het was echter niet rustig in Saint John, N.B., waar de riolen begonnen te ontploffen. Dit had niets te maken met het diëet van de goede burgers van die stad want uit onderzoek bleek dat een benzinestation lekke ondergrondse pijpleidingen had. 't Zal je maar gebeuren!

e Amerikaanse luchtaanval op Libya werd, zoals ik al eerder zei, druk besproken. De landen van de Europese Gemeenschap namen maatregelen die ook al niet veel betekenden. Gadaffi doet politiek à la Hollywood: toespraken tegen de achtergrond van vernielde woningen en redevoeringen van zijn vrouw op krukken. En natuurlijk gewonde kinderen, dat doet het altijd goed! Nieuws uit Tripoli werd zorgvuldig geregisseerd.

Er was een ontzettende ramp in Sri

Lanka waar een waterdam barstte tengevolge waarvan vele doden vielen en 20.000 gezinnen dakloos werden.

De voormalige sekretaris-generaal van de Verenigde Naties en nu kandidaat-president van Oostenrijk heeft rheumatiek in zijn rechterschouder omdat hij teveel met die arm omhoog gelopen heeft in de veertiger jaren. Heil Hitler en zo!

estontploffingen van kernwapens vergiftigen weer de echte en de politieke atmosfeer en de voorgenomen ontmoeting tussen Reagan en Gorbachev is net als het stoplicht bij ons op de hoek: aan en uit. Het blijft halen en brengen in Zuid

Afrika waar de misere niet van de lucht is. Gelukkig was er ook nog een beetje goed nieuws: de koningin vierde haar zestigste verjaardag en er werd de hele dag in Engeland gefuifd.

De voorzitter van de Kamer, Bosley, deed een boek je open over de brieven die hij ontving. Niet al te komplementeus als het ging over de heren politici. ledereen die wel eens op de publieke galerij gezeten heeft, vooral tijdens het beantwoorden van vragen door de regering, betreurt het gebrek aan dekorum daar. Zou daar niet iets aan te veranderen zijn? Dat is me daar een geschreeuw alsof het visventers op de markt zijn.

Gezellig dichtbundeltje

Van Toen en Nu door Lini R. Grol. Fonthill: Trillium Books, 1985. 60 blz., \$5.50.

Dit boek je was aangekondigd als een gezellig dichtbundeltje, en het blijkt dat velen het daar mee eens zijn. Het is een verzameling gedichten uit 50 jaren van het leven van de schrijfster.

Het zijn gemakkelijk aanspreekbare gedichten uit het dagelijkse leven, van een jong kind, tot de jaren als wijkverpleegster in Amsterdam. De angst en zorgen van de oorlog en de vreugde in de kleine dingen die het leven zo mooi maken.

Sommige van deze gedichten zijn al eerder verschenen in kranten en kerkbladen in Holland, alsook in De vrouw en haar huis, en de Libelle, enz. En hier in Canada in de Nederlandse bladen o.a., Calvinist Contact. Sommige gedichtjes zijn ook als eens uitgezonden door de radio, hier in Canada door C.H.I.N. en in Hilversum door de Wereld omroep.

Vele van de knipsel illustraties zijn ook al eens eerder verschenen in boeken en tijdschriften: Children's Annual: Pioneer Woman, Discovery: Hands Magazine, en in een paar dichtbundels die om illustraties vroegen.

De omslag is fel oranje wat enigszins op de aard van de schrijfster duidt, al is zij nu een Canadees burger. Iets in haar hart is kennelijk nog Hollands, en wie daar aan twijfelen mocht kan het in het boekje duidelijk lezen. Vele landgenoten zullen er zichzelf in herkennen, en dat was dan ook de bedoeling. We hebben allemaal zo wel eens gedachten over "toen en nu."



Onder de streep

John VanHarmelen

'k Kreeg al spoedig antwoord op mijn verzoek of iemand mij helpen kon aan een vertaling in het Nederlands van dat mooie gezang 445 (PSH CRC). Bekende solisten in Nederland zongen veelgevraagde geestelijke liederen. Mr. C. Hogeveen uit Nepean, Ontario, stuurde mij een kopie van die liederen. (Dank u wel Mr. H.) Het lied: "'t Zij vreugde mijn deel is of smart mij verteert" was er ook bij. Hij kon mij echter niet vertellen wie de vertaling gemaakt had. Het is ook nogal een vrije vertaling. Het lijkt mij toe dat we vaker, meer dan ons lief is, genoegen moeten

De vertaler van dit lied kwam ook niet verder dan drie verzen. Ons derde vers spreekt over de volkomen verzoening van onze zonden. lets van ons derde vers kunt u vinden in de vertaler's tweede vers. In het derde vers van de vertaler maakt het verlangen naar de wederkomst van Christus uit ons vierde vers plaats voor het eigen sterven van de gelovige.

nemen met "vrije" vertalingen.

Ik vond deze vertaling ook terug in de bundel van Johannes De Heer, nr. 264. De auteur van de Engelse hymn is Horatio Gates Spafford, 1828-1888. De melodie is gemaakt door Philip P. Blies, 1838-1876. Hij noemde deze melodie "Ville de Havre," naar het schip dat steeds heen en weer voer tussen

't Zij vreugde mijn deel is of smart mij verteert

Hoe kwam Spafford er toe om dit gedicht te maken? Dat is een hele geschiedenis.

Als we met hem kennismaken in 1856 is hij gevestigd als lawyer in Chicago. Hij is ook professor in de rechtsgeleerdheid. Hij was een welgesteld man. Hij wist hoe te investeren. Hij was gehuwd en had in elk geval vijf of zes kinderen, een zoon en vier of vijf dochters.

Spafford was een levend lid van Christus' kerk, een getuige van Christus. Hij werkte van harte mee aan de evangelisatie campagnes van Moody en Sankey. Hij werd beschreven als een begaafde advocaat, een vrome professor, een enthousiast gemeentelid, een ijverige student van Gods Woord en bijbelvast!

Zijn geloof werd echter zwaar beproefd.

Hij verloor bijna al zijn bezit door de grote brand van Chicago in 1871. Dat was een hele slag voor hem en ook voor zijn vrouw. Op advies van hun dokter maakte Horatio een plan om er met zijn vrouw en vier dochters eens een poos tussenuit te gaan. Een Europese trip werd bestudeerd. Toen ze hoorden dat de grote evangelisten Moody en Sankey naar Engeland zouden gaan om de bevolking daar op te roepen tot geloof

en bekering, besloot Spafford om in die campagne met hen samen te werken.

Zogezegd, zogedaan. De reis zou gemaakt worden met S.S. Ville de Havre in de maand november van het jaar 1873. De kaartjes waren gekocht, de plaatsen besproken en toch bleek op het laatste ogenblik dat Horatio onmogelijk met zijn vrouw en dochters kon inschepen. Onverwacht opgekomen zaken moesten worden behartigd. En hoe moeilijk ook, het besluit werd genomen dat moeder Spafford en de vier dochters zouden vooruit reizen, en vader Spafford zou met een volgende boot ook naar Engeland gaan. Er was nu eenmaal niets aan te doen. "Zaken gaan voor" is over de hele wereld een bekend gezegde.

22 november 1873 werd het schip S.S. Ville de Havre geramd door een Engelse boot de "Lochearn," en wel zo erg dat het schip direct begon te zinken. Binnen twee uren was alles voorbij. 226 passagiers waren gered. Moeder Spafford behoorde tot degenen die gered waren, de vier meisjes waren verdronken. Enkele dagen later werden de overlevenden in Cardiff (Wales) ondergebracht. Mrs. Spafford zond een telegram naar Chicago. Het waren maar twee woorden: Saved alone ('k Ben alleen gered)!

Vervolg op pagina 20 ...

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refrein:

't Is mij goed, 't is mij goed, wat God doet, wat God doet; 't Is mij goed, wat mijn God mij beschikk'.

2. Uw deel, hoeveel zwaarder is't hier niet geweest. Hoe spande niet satan zijn strik; En ziend 'op Uw kruis Roemt in mij ook mijn geest: 't Is mij goed, wat mijn God mij beschikk'.

3. Heer, laat in mijn sterven Uw troost mij nabij. Dat mij dan Uw liefde verkwikk'; Dan dank ik hoe bang mij de doodstrijd ook zij: 't ls mij goed, wat mijn God mij beschikk'.

Dutch

Onder de Streep

... vervolg van pagina 19.

Zo spoedig mogelijk vertrok Horatio per boot naar Engeland, om zich bij zijn vrouw te voegen en met haar dit zware verlies te dragen. Zij verloren veel eigendommen door de brand, en nu... vier kinderen door verdrinking. Vuur en water zijn grote vrienden van de mens, maar ook grote vijanden. Horatio ging in de maand december naar Engeland. De kapitein wees hem de plaats waar de Ville de Havre gezonken was aan.

Het verhaal gaat dan verder dat Spafford op die plaats waar zijn kinderen verdronken waren papier en pen nam en met een hart vol smart en pijn en toch ook vol geloof en hoop, de regel neerschreef: "'t Zij smart mij verteert, en stormwind en nacht mij verschrikk,' Gij hebt mij mijn Heiland te roemen geleerd. 't Is mij goed wat mijn God mij beschikk'."

U ziet hem boven de golven uitkomen, in het tweede en derde couplet, zijn zonden zijn aan het kruis genageld, en in het vierde couplet ziet hij de hemel open gaan. Wat wilt u meer om getroost te worden als in uw leven Gods hand zwaar op u rust, als alles u tegenloopt en ge toch weet dat de Heiland aan u denkt en voor u bidt.

Toch moest Horatio Spafford er nog dieper door. In 1880 stierf zijn zoon. Dat kwam er ook nog overheen. Als ze terugkeren naar Chicago lijkt het net als bij Naomi toen zij terugkwam naar Bethlehem, en zei: noem mij Mara, want de Almachtige heeft mij bitterheid aangedaan.

Maar dan komt Philip P. Bliss met een stuk muziekpapier in de hand, en hij zingt hen voor dat machtige gezang, gedicht door Spafford zelf, die nu wordt getroost door zijn eigen hymn!

We weten niet precies wat er nu van zijn gezin na 1880 nog is overgebleven, maar het besluit valt om naar Jerusalem te gaan. Met enkele vrienden verhuizen ze daarheen in 1881. Daar stichten ze de American Colony.

Over dat verblijf in Jerusalem is een verslag gegeven in het boek "Our Jerusalem," geschreven door een dochter Bertha Spafford Vester. Zij vertelt ook nog over de vele ondervindingen die de Spaffords beleefd hebben. Vooral haar vader ging door de diepte. In Jerusalem stierf hij, zestig jaar oud, in het jaar 1888.

Ofschoon beproevingen zijn deel waren, Christus zorgde er voor dat Spafford toch kon zeggen: "'t Is mij goed wat God doet!" of zoals hij het zelf zei: "It is well with my soul."

John Van Harmelen is emeritus predikant. Met zijn vrouw woont hij in Caesarea, Ontario.

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